



The Reily Foundation

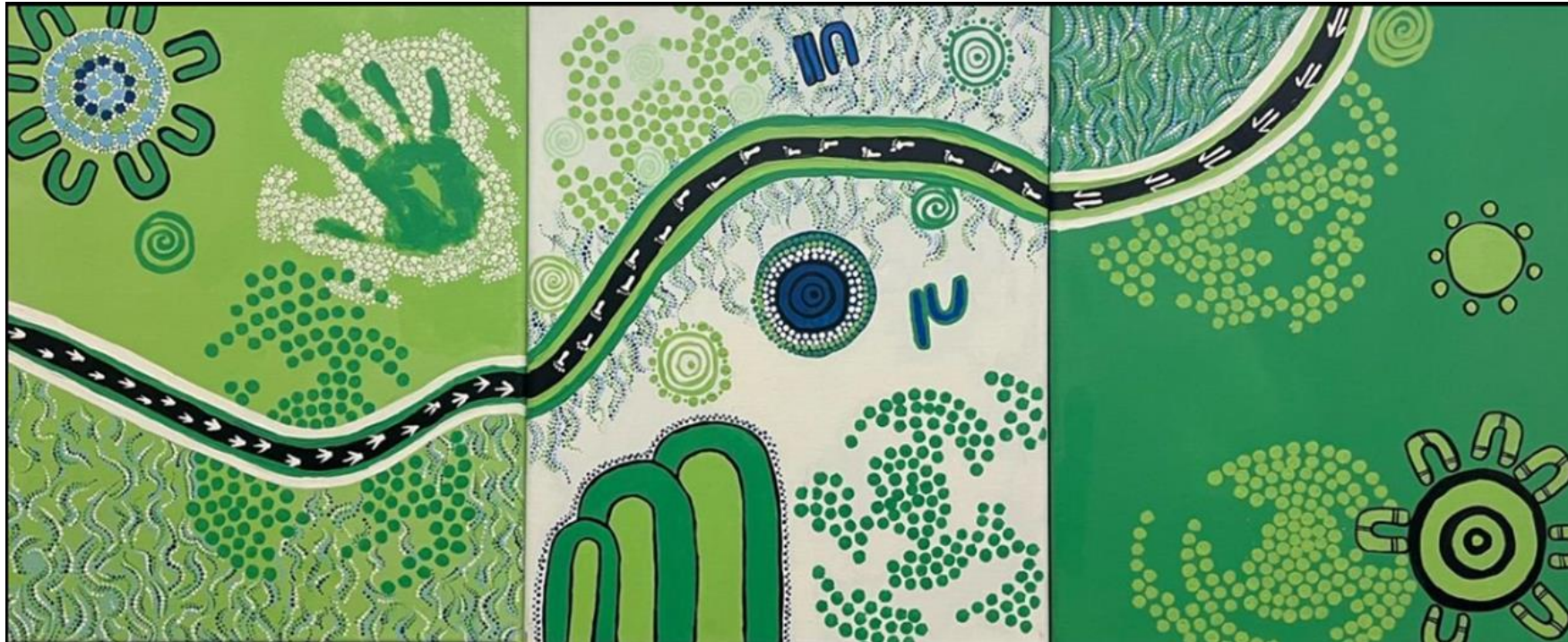
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connection · communication · collaboration · capacity

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



'Kumangka'
Coming Together
Charlie Griffiths (Artist)

Charlie is a Barkindji and Buandig artist who has partnered with The Reily Foundation Inc to create a piece of art that symbolises the journey of our Foundation, entitled 'Kumangka' – Coming Together, that symbolises the essence of The Reily Foundation's vision and mission to help parents to pull together all resources so families can remain connected



ABOUT REILY

Founded by Nadia Berginetti in 2019

The Reily Foundation supports parents who are involved with the child protection system.

Our goal is to help families stay connected and, where possible, help children return home safely.

We offer free, practical support to help parents build skills, understand the process, and cope during a very stressful time.



REILY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Reily's Role in child
protection and
supporting families



One to One Case Management

Tailored to specific case, circumstances and needs.
Support during DCP meetings, court appearances, and
multi-agency case planning, emotional wellbeing support

Parenting Programs and Workshops

Educational parenting workshops, supporting parents to
better understand and engage with the child protection
system

Connection to Wrap-Around Services

Connecting parents with relevant wrap-around services,
including housing, mental health, disability, and
substance supports.

Systems Engagement and Advocacy

Contributing to systemic reform by representing client
voices to inform practice improvements and support
better outcomes for families.

Peer to Peer Program

Connecting parents with lived experience of the child
protection system to families currently navigating the
system.

WHO DO WE SUPPORT



- **Parents navigating the Child Protection System**, providing free practical support, education, and advocacy.
- **Families working toward connection and reunification**, with trauma-informed, strengths-based guidance.

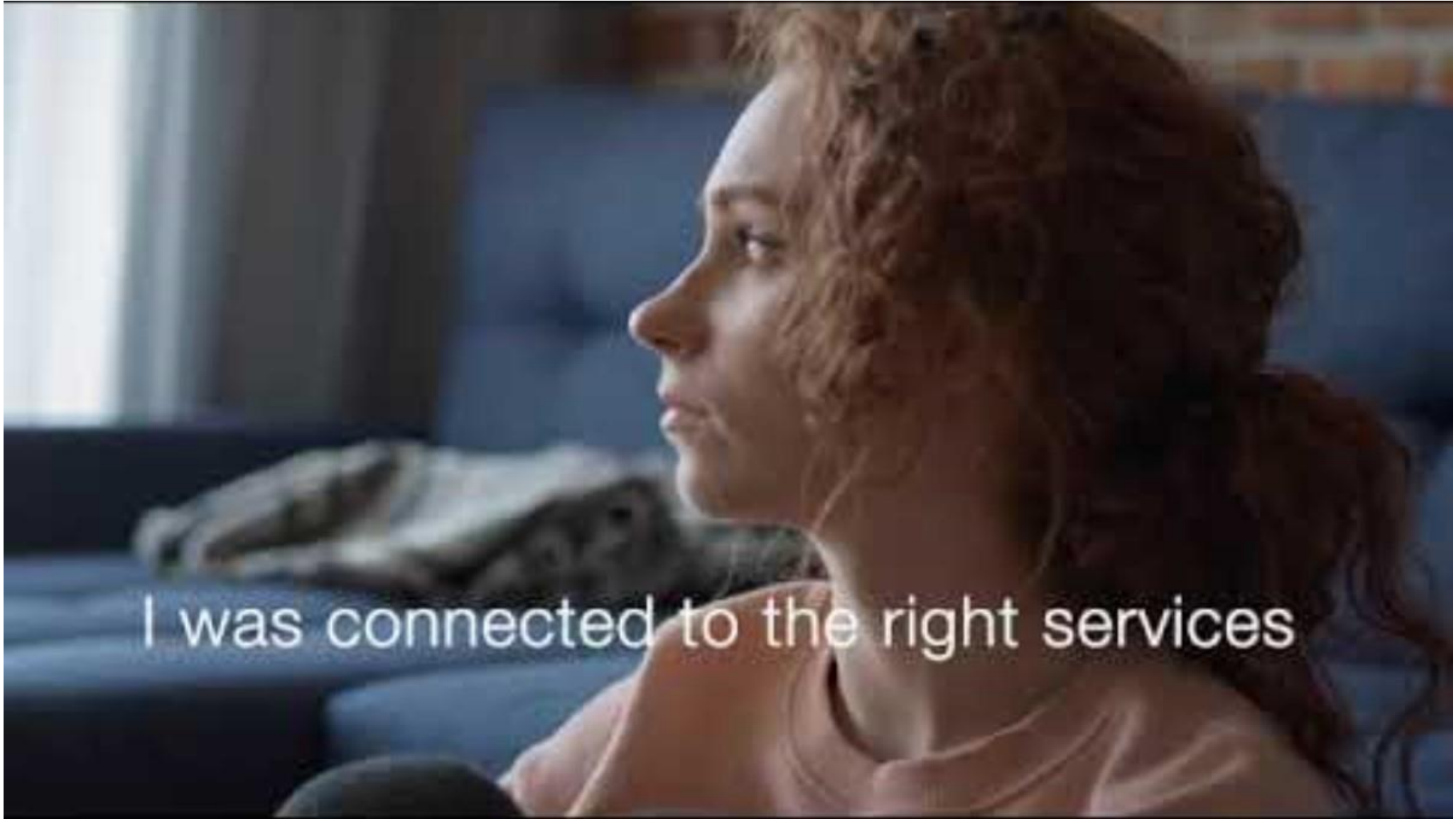
At risk of child
protection services
becoming involved

Safety Plan

Short Term Orders
– Investigation and
Assessment

Reunification
Orders

Long Term Orders –
18 year Order

A woman with curly hair is shown in profile, looking out a window. In the background, a dog is lying on a couch. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the window.

I was connected to the right services

REILY'S JOURNEY SO FAR

Reily's journey began in 2019 with a single idea and one dedicated person. By 2023 the team had grown to three, expanded to seven in 2024, and today Reily proudly consists of 10 staff members supported by 5 volunteers.

OUR TEAM



REILY'S IMPACT IN 2025



43

43 children
reunified from
Kinship Care



12

12 children
reunified from
Foster Care



70

70 children
reunified (equals
35 parents)



15

15 children
reunified from
Residential Care



\$15m

Avoided costing
= annual figure of
\$15,701,348

CLIENT ENGAGEMENT



836

individuals have reached out to Reily



490

parents were supported by Reily's services



221

parents received 1:1 family case management



70

children were reunified to their parents' care, which equalled 35 parents



64

parents accessed both casework and workshops



82

parents remained actively supported at year's end



70

parents attended workshops which impacted 180 children

THE REILY FOUNDATION - 2025

HEADLINE METRICS



Majority of families **maintained housing and essential stability** throughout intervention.

86%

86% of families had **no escalation** in child protection orders during Reily support.

80%

80% of parents on **3 Month Assessment Orders** progressed toward **more favourable pathways**.

The Reily Foundation has been an absolute lifeline during the rollercoaster of navigating the Department of Child Protection. Their support has been incredibly helpful, informative, and compassionate every step of the way. They offer clear, practical advice and truly valuable information that makes the path toward reunification with your kids feel achievable. Their advocacy is empowering, and you can tell they genuinely care about the families they help. I'm deeply grateful for their guidance and would highly recommend them to anyone needing support through this difficult process.

(Parent supported by Reily)



RAISE PROGRAM



The RAISE Program is a targeted initiative designed to **support parents with disability who are navigating the child protection system** in South Australia.

This program recognises the systemic barriers and discrimination faced by parents with disability and delivers tailored support to improve engagement, advocacy, and outcomes within child protection processes.

The initial funding for RAISE has been provided by the **Julia Farr Fund**.



WHY THIS FOCUS?

In 2024, Reily identified that **40% of parents being supported by our work have a disability.**

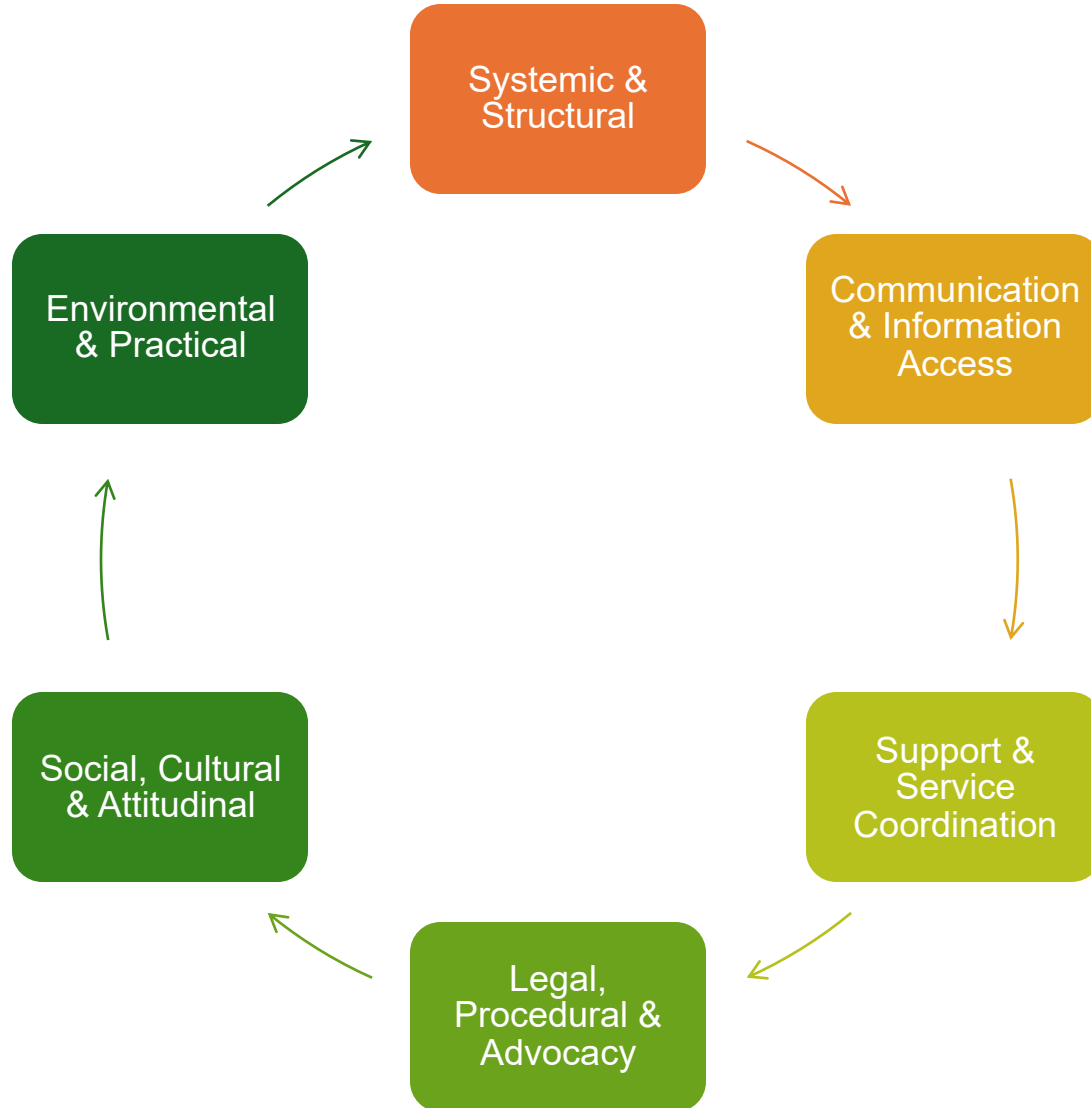
Disability Royal Commission (2023) found clear evidence that:

Parents with a disability are significantly more likely to have their children removed

Child Protection is less likely to work towards reunification with parents with disability

Intellectual disability is often used as the *reason* for intervention, without considering supports

BARRIERS THAT PARENTS FACE



PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT MODEL

The aim is to:

Co-produce and pilot an innovative peer-to-peer support model

By addressing these challenges, the program ensures parents with disabilities receive equitable support and opportunities to care for their children.



OUTCOMES TO BE ACHIEVED

Outcome 1: Peer Mentorship

- Network increased confidence and self-advocacy skills among parents with disabilities
- Strengthened support networks, reducing isolation and stress
- Improved engagement with the child protection system and support services

Outcome 2: Capacity Building Workshops

- Parents gained knowledge of their legal rights and responsibilities
- Improved adaptive parenting skills tailored to different disabilities
- Enhanced ability to communicate effectively with children protection services

Outcome 3: Practical Support Services

- Reduced logistical barriers for parents engaging with child protection services
- Increased participation in critical meeting, workshops, and hearings
- Greater accessibility for parents with disabilities in advocacy and parenting support

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Parents with disability as experts in their own lives

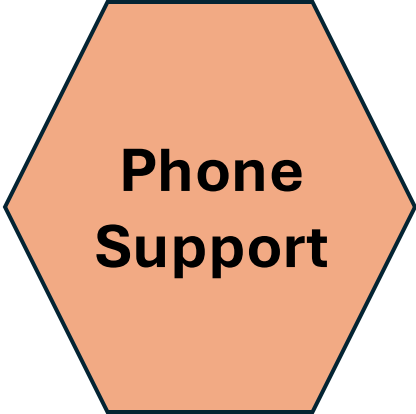
PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Program connects parents with trained Peer Support Workers who have lived experience navigating the child protection system. Peer support is **grounded in respect, trust, and equitable relationships.**

What We Do



**Disability
Inclusion**



**Phone
Support**



**Emotional
Support**



**Group Support
and Workshops**



**Lived Experience
Guidance**



**Advocacy
Support**

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

(since November 2025)

- ❑ 2 Peer Support Workers
- ❑ 5 Disability Advisory Group Members
- ❑ Evidence of Capacity Building of Advisory Group Members
- ❑ 37 Parents have been supported by Peer Support Workers
- ❑ 70 Parents have attended Workshops co-facilitated by Peer Support Workers
- ❑ Developed a Peer Support Framework and a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- ❑ Created training for Peer Support Workers
- ❑ Created assistive tools and resources

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS SO FAR

I appreciate being able to join workshops online and not have to turn my camera on.

I am enjoying the scheduled catch ups, including role playing, and how self-advocacy can work well in meetings.

Having someone to reach out to who has shared a similar journey has been really helpful.

I can talk about how I have applied the learnings from workshops and programs, and I am now volunteering and continuing to build my skills.

The workshops have helped me to understand how I can better regulate my emotions and to stay within my window of tolerance.

Connecting with other dads (in the workshops) has been a real support.

I feel more confident to communicate with other services.

NEXT STEPS

- **Gathering evidence of the outcomes and benefits of Peer Support in Child Protection**
- Increase the membership of the Disability Advisory Group
- **Develop workshop programs and group supports for parents**
- Source funding to increase the number of Peer Support Workers
- **Launch and utilise assistive tools and resources for parents with a disability**