



Government  
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# What is a Charter Champion?

Welcome to the role of Charter Champion!

The work of Charter Champions has been key to the successful implementation of the *Charter of Rights for Children and Young People in Care*. A Charter Champion is someone who has a strong belief in the rights of children and has embraced the Charter for the benefits it brings to children and young people in care.

As Champion you will have been endorsed by your organisation to act as a contact, conduit and advocate of the Charter.

A Champion may be a youth worker, social worker, supervisor, manager or chief executive. What matters is your leadership on children's rights. Organisations that operate from a number of discrete sites will nominate a Champion for each site.

## ***A Charter Champion should:***

- be a strong advocate for the rights of children
- have the time and skills to promote the Charter within their organisation
- have the support of other staff and management in carrying out their responsibilities as Charter Champion.

## ***The role of a Charter Champion will:***

- ensure Charter information is available and displayed in staff work areas
- ensure Charter information is visible and available in areas frequented by children and young people in care and that Charter resources for children and young people in care are distributed appropriately
- assist and advise management and governing bodies to incorporate the Charter and its principles into the organisation's policy and practice
- provide updates to their organisation's staff and lead team discussions where necessary
- provide advice and guidance on the rights of children and young people in care
- liaise informally with the Guardian's Office to provide feedback on practical issues affecting the implementation of rights
- join wider discussions, as opportunities arise, about the effectiveness of the Charter and the promotion of children's rights
- advise the Guardian's Office if the Charter Champion changes and pass on information and ongoing tasks to the new Champion.

***The Guardian's Office will provide the Champion with:***

- information, advice, practical support and resources
- an opportunity for the Champion to provide feedback about their thoughts, ideas and challenges of being a Champion
- updates on matters affecting children's rights, the Charter and the work of the Guardian's Office
- invitations to workshops or events about rights related matters.

***Contacting the Guardian's Office***

If you have any questions about the role of Charter Champion, please contact the Charter Coordinator Mardy McDonald on email [Mardy.McDonald2@sa.gov.au](mailto:Mardy.McDonald2@sa.gov.au) or phone 8226 8570.