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*you are not alone*

# Arafmi Mental Health Carer Support Services



People who care for or about someone experiencing mental ill-health can access a range of **supports and programs** through Arafmi in Queensland.

# Carer Support Services

People supporting someone experiencing mental ill-health can self-refer to any of the programs or be referred by a health professional, family member or friend when consent has been given.

## 24-hour Carer Support Line

24hr Support Helpline

1300 554 660

24hr Regional Queensland

1800 35 1881 (free call from landline)

Anytime of the day or night, carers can talk with someone, receive support, find new resources and learn helpful information to assist them in their role as carers. (Please note: This is a support line, not a crisis line).

## One-on-One Support

Carers can access one-on-one support with a Carer Support Team Member to explore themes and issues specific to their caring role. This support is available face-to-face, online via Zoom, or over the phone.

# Arafmi provides a range of free in person and online supports for mental health carers in Queensland.

## Carer Support Groups

Support groups provide a safe place for carers to come together, share caring experiences, socialise, share helpful coping skills and find out about relevant services and resources.

Face-to-face and online support groups in Queensland are listed on the Arafmi website. Some online groups include:

- Regional Carer Group
- Carers of People Living with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)
- Caring for Youth
- Caring for a Spouse.

## Workshops and Education Programs

Regular workshops, information sessions, and events are held to provide carers and families with opportunities to stay up-to-date and learn the information and skills needed for their caring roles.

These cover a range of topics based on the needs of carers. Some of these topics include:

- Communicating with the Person You Support
- Motivational Interviewing for Supporters and Carers
- Creating and Maintaining Healthy Personal Boundaries.

## Mental Health Carer Hub

Arafmi's Mental Health Carer Hub, located in Teneriffe, is where the Carer Support Team is based, and where support groups and workshops are provided.

## Carer Respite

Arafmi is proud to offer Australia's first individual carer respite. The three-bedroom respite accommodation is centrally located at the Mental Health Carer Hub. Individually tailored respite is designed in collaboration with carers to ensure they can have a relaxing break from their caring role.

## Culture Care

Culture Care is delivered in partnership with World Wellness Group to ensure that carers from multicultural backgrounds have access to information and individual and group supports to assist them in their caring roles.



## Resource List

There are a range of other organisations that provide supports, funding and/or information for carers. Some of these include:

### Carer Gateway

1800 422 737

[www.carergateway.gov.au](http://www.carergateway.gov.au)

### Carers Queensland

07 3900 8100

[www.carersqld.com.au](http://www.carersqld.com.au)

### Children of Parents with a Mental Illness

(COPMI) [www.copmi.net.au](http://www.copmi.net.au)

### Eating Disorders Queensland

07 3844 6055

[www.eatingdisordersqueensland.org.au](http://www.eatingdisordersqueensland.org.au)

### Little Dreamers (Young Carer organisation)

1800 717 515

[www.littledreamers.org.au](http://www.littledreamers.org.au)

### Young Carers Network

[www.youngcarersnetwork.com.au](http://www.youngcarersnetwork.com.au)

## Who is Arafmi?

Arafmi is a not-for-profit community organisation that has provided quality services to the Queensland mental health community for over 45 years.

We provide support, education and practical assistance to people experiencing mental ill-health, their families and carers.

*The Arafmi Carer Supports are primarily funded by Queensland Health and free to mental health carers in Queensland.*

*“You’ve given me a seed to plant that I wanted to buy but didn’t know who sold it. Thank you, I feel so supported.”*

*Feedback from  
Carer Support Group*



## Get in Touch

If you have specific questions and would like to learn more about what we do, please contact us.

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