



Getting parents ready for 'Next'.



## The know-how and the confidence to be work-ready when the time comes.

It happens in the blink of an eye, one moment your kids are a full time job and then they are off to school. The Salvation Army Employment Plus is here to help you prepare for that day through the ParentsNext program.

Whilst parenting has sharpened your survival techniques, time management skills and helped you develop your negotiating expertise, your time out of the workforce may leave you feeling a little nervous about that next step. And while that first interview may still be a few years away, having a plan now can help you ease the stress and help you develop the skills and techniques to make a smooth entry into the workplace.

## Job ready preparation for parents

## What's next?

If you are the parent of a child aged under 6, The Salvation Army Employment Plus can help you work out the question of 'What's next?' through the Australian Government's ParentsNext initiative.

ParentsNext is a free support program to help eligible parents plan and prepare for employment by the time their youngest child goes to school. Employment Plus work with parents to help them set their education and employment goals, develop a pathway to achieve their goals and link them to support services and activities in the local community.

Finding a job can be hard when you've been away from the workforce – we can help you, so you can continue to be the best mum or dad you can be for your kids.

## Who is eligible

Parents may qualify for the free ParentsNext program support if they meet the following criteria:

- Have been receiving parenting payments
- Have not had employment earnings during the last six months
- Have a child aged under six years
- Reside in Ingle Farm, Parafield Gardens, Elizabeth, Gawler or Glanville, SA

#### How we help

Through the ParentsNext program we help parents to:

- Gain the confidence to get into the workforce
- Identify any skills gaps
- Identify education and employment goals
- Develop a pathway to achieve your goals
- Combine preparing for work with parenting responsibilities
- Access complimentary activities and services in the local community

#### We can also help parents:

- Obtain or increase useful qualifications
- Develop practical job seeker skills
- We help you smooth out any obstacles that make work or education difficult
- Access child care assessment

You may also be eligible to access a range of other support including a participation fund, wage subsidies and relocation assistance. We will help and advise you.

#### How we do it

Parents will meet with their Employment Plus coach regularly. We will be with you along the way to help you update your participation plan and complete activities for employment or further education. Remember - we're part of your community and will always be on hand to guide, support and address your concerns.



#### **About us**

People matter to us. You matter to us. We know it can be tough that's why as part of The Salvation Army our mission has always been 'people first'.

The Salvation Army Employment Plus have been connecting job seekers with employers for over 20 years, in fact we've placed over half a million people in jobs in over 200,000 businesses.

With access to more jobs in more locations, we will work with you to understand your strengths and develop your skills so we can better help you find education or employment that meets your needs.

# Want to know more? We're here to help











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