### **GENETIC ALLIANCE AUSTRALIA AIMS TO:**

- Provide peer support to families and individuals affected by a genetic condition.
- Provide a contact point for families who are affected by genetic conditions so rare that they do not have their own support group.
- Facilitate access to individual support groups for those families with particular genetic disorders.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information between support groups regarding available community services.
- Educate the medical and allied health professionals and the community about genetic conditions.
- Consult with government bodies, both Federal and State, on important issues regarding genetic conditions and services.

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Supporting people living in isolation who are caring for someone with a genetic condition.

#### WHO IS THIS PROJECT FOR?

Parents and siblings caring for an individual with a known or undiagnosed genetic condition.

Young carers of a parent or sibling with a genetic condition.

Carers of people affected by a genetic condition or rare disease come from different cultural backgrounds and span all age groups i.e. parents, relatives, friends, grandparents and siblings. This includes young people who may not be actively involved in



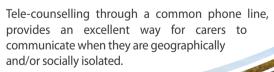
the day to day care but are affected by the extra responsibility which often accompanies living with someone with a genetic condition.

#### WHAT WE OFFER

**■** Seminars and Workshops.

Genetic Alliance Australia runs a series of outreach seminars and workshops targeting carers of someone with a genetic condition living in remote and rural areas.

**■** Tele-counselling groups.



#### **HOW IS IT DELIVERED?**

Through a two day rural outreach seminar with guest speakers and sibling workshops. The seminars will provide current information from specialists in a non-clinical



setting, information on strategies for caring for the carer and sibling issues.

The sibling workshops allow children to voice their unique concerns about the effect caring has on their life, both positive and negative. A social networking event such as a dinner or afternoon tea is also held to give families, carers and individuals the chance to relax and socialise in a comfortable environment.

## HOW WILL THIS PROJECT BENEFIT YOU?

- Meeting others in the same or similar position.
- Sharing stories and strategies.
- Discussing future options.
- Accessing specialists in a non clinical setting.
- Learning about services currently available in the area.

# **OUR MISSION** To facilitate support for those affected directly or indirectly by genetic conditions throughout Australasia.

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	Seminar	
	Sibling Workshop (8 to 18	3 years)
	Other events (eg social gathering, other workshops)	
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Morn	ing tea and lunch provided. T	here is no charge for these servic

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