

Other YLF Services

Advocacy

An advocate is someone who can help you have a say in decisions made about your life. You can get an advocate if you are in care, a care leaver, a child in need or if you have a child protection conference or family group conference.

0808 164 0096 | advocacy@ylf.org.uk

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Mentoring

A mentor can support you and help you reach where you want to be. To find out if you can get support from a mentor visit our website:

ylf.org.uk/how-we-help/mentoring

Legends Programme

Our activities programme is for 7-17 year olds who are struggling at home, in care or are adopted. We run regular group activities like sports, craft or games and also day trips!

[f](#) [t](#) [i](#) @LegendsYLF

Refer yourself for YLF Services here:

ylf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/refer-a-young-person/general-referral

Do you have any concerns or experiences you would like to share about your time in custody?



Email us:

feedback@ylf.org.uk

Further Info About AA's

You can find out more about AA's at:
www.appropriateadult.org.uk



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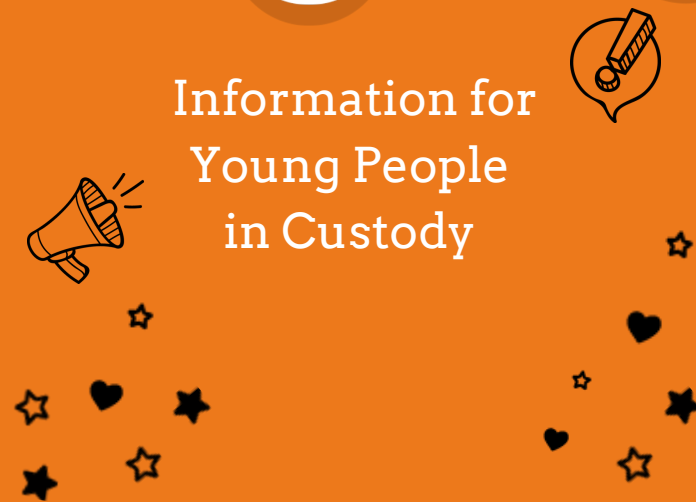


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Appropriate Adult Service

Information for Young People in Custody





About YLF

The Young Lives Foundation (YLF) is a leading children's charity in the South East of England with expertise in Advocacy, Mentoring and Befriending. YLF volunteers are the heart of what we do. YLF volunteers give over 34,000 hours every year, making a huge impact in our local community and providing positive outcomes for young people.



Our AA Service

Appropriate Adults (AA) in Kent are volunteers, this means that there is no payment and they donate their time for free to help others. A parent or carer can also be an Appropriate Adult. YLF provides AAs when no one else known to the young person or vulnerable adult is available.

We are here:

- To support, advise and assist you
- To ensure the police act fairly and respect your rights
- To help you communicate with the police
- To make sure you understand what is happening at the police station, including in the interview

Further Support

Details for services you can access

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| Kent Social Services (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) | 03000 41 11 11 |
| Kent and Medway Social Services (Outside office Hours) | 03000 41 91 91 |
| Medway Social Services (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) | 01634 334 466 |
| Shelter - Homelessness or advice on housing | 0808 800 4444 |
| Porchlight - Supported accommodation for 16-24 years | 0800 567 7699 |
| Kent and Medway 24 hours Mental Health Matters | 0800 107 0160 |
| Samaritans | 116 123 |
| ChildLine | 0800 1111 |
| Young Minds Free Mental Health Text Service 24/7 | For urgent help text YM to 85258 |
| DAVSS - Help with Domestic abuse | 01892 570538 |

The AA's Responsibilities

What your AA can do:



- Be with you for any procedure that you are involved in
- Ensure you have your rights read to you again whilst they are with you and double check you understand them
- Request a solicitor for you
- Be with you during your interview and ensure it is being conducted properly and fairly
- Help you with communication
- Represent you when your detention is being reviewed
- Be with you for charging, strip searching or any other kind of search
- Ask the police questions such as; can you see the nurse, can you have a phone call to notify someone of your arrest and how are you getting home

What your AA can't do:



- Speak or give answers for you
- Give you legal advice
- Talk about the alleged offence
- Tell you the likely outcome
- Tell you when you will leave custody
- Give you a lift home