

## **Seeking parent, carer and guardians to participate in a reference group and to provide feedback about education and early childhood**

The sa.gov.au website is a whole-of-government initiative to create a single website for the public to access government information and services. The main objective of the website is to give the public accurate, up to date, easy to find and easy to understand information.

New web pages are being developed for parents, carers and guardians to provide information about:

- Early childhood services (child care, playgroups, etc)
- Preschools and kindergartens
- Schools (junior primary, primary, secondary/high)
- Skills based training / vocational education and training (eg. TAFE)
- University
- Community education

To assist the team in developing a 'user friendly' website, I am looking for a group of parents to 'road test' the structure of the website and provide feedback on the new web content.

Each of our major topics (listed above) will have its own reference group of 8-12 people. We are asking for volunteers. This may involve providing feedback via the web, email, over the phone or in person. Ideally members of the reference group will not work in education as they may have prior knowledge that may not be representative of the general public.

We expect that the majority of activities will be web based and will take between 5 and 15 minutes. There may be some face-to-face meetings, however, we recognise that some people may not be able to travel into Adelaide. If this is the case we will look at alternatives such as telephone or web conferences.

If you would like to **provide feedback and have an influence** on the new information that will replace the existing *Education, skills and learning* content on the sa.gov.au website, please complete the form at <http://bit.ly/refgroup>. Alternatively, you can contact myself or Kristen Morgan on telephone 8204 1438 or email [sagovau@sa.gov.au](mailto:sagovau@sa.gov.au).

Please feel free to share this request with your friends and relatives.

Regards,

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