



WE CAN HELP

- ADVICE AND INFORMATION
- REFERRALS TO SUPPORT SERVICES
- REPRESENTATION IN COURT

Phone 1800 733 233

ALS has Care and Protection Lawyers and Field Officers. Care and Protection matters involve Family and Community Services or FaCS (used to be known as DoCS). Care and Protection matters are different than Family Law matters because FaCS is involved with the family.

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What if my children have been removed?

- Phone the Care and Protection Law Practice on 1800 733 233.
- We can give you information about your rights and responsibilities.
- We can help you communicate with FaCS.
- We can tell you about the legal process.

Can FaCS enter my home?

- Yes, FaCS can enter your home and remove your children either with or without a warrant.

What should I do if Child Protection wants to speak with me?

- Call the ALS Care and Protection Law Practice on 1800 733 233.
- If Child Protection invite you to their office, take a support person.
- Don't sign anything until you have legal advice.

Can the ALS make referrals?

- We can give you advice about your long term goals.
- We can make referrals for you to services that will help you.

What if the Children's Court has made Final Orders about my children?

- We can help you talk with FaCS.
- We can write letters on your behalf.
- We can help you to find out what is happening with your children if they are in out-of-home care.

Can I change previous Orders made by the Children's Court?

- We can help you re-open your case in the Children's Court.
- You must prove to the Court that you have made a significant change in your circumstances from when the last Order was made.
- We can advise you about the kind of evidence you need.



What if I want to appeal a decision made in the Children's Court?

- You have 28 days to appeal a Children's Court Order.
- You must speak with us as soon as possible after the Children's Court makes the Final Order.

Can I make a complaint about FaCS?

- We can talk with you about the complaints process.
- Our staff can help you write a letter of complaint, or write one for you.

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