



## December 2005

### Free Discount Shopping Service

The Australian Discount Shopping Service (ADSS) is a free service available to Queensland Foster Carer Card holders. ADSS negotiates the best possible price on a wide range of electrical items and associated products on your behalf.

By taking advantage of the purchasing power of ADSS, Foster Carer Card holders are rewarded with real benefits.

How much can you save? Members can usually expect to save up to 12% off the price of electrical and other items.

How do you use ADSS:

**Step 1:** Decide on what you wish to buy, then call ADSS on 1300 658 787 with the brand name, model number, and ask about the price offered on the item/s you wish to purchase.

**Step 2:** Your ADSS consultant will call you back, usually within 24 hours, to advise you of the best price available at the time.

**Step 3:** Once you place your order with ADSS, the participating supplier will then contact you to arrange payment and delivery.

Contact ADSS today and save. Between December 2005 and January 2006, members will receive a \$20 Coles supermarket gift voucher with their purchase of \$500 or more through ADSS.

### Time For Grandparents Program

School holiday, weekend and after-school activities are now available for children who are being raised by their grandparents or relative carers in Queensland.

In recognition of the importance of supporting families, where children are being raised by their grandparents or relative carers, the Seniors Enquiry Line – in partnership with the Queensland Government and key service providers – are trialing the Time for Grandparents Program. This program, funded by the Department of Communities, is designed to provide activities and give grandparents or relative carers the opportunity to have some well-earned time out. Alternatively, grandparents or relative carers may also enjoy attending these activities with their children.



The Seniors Enquiry Line will begin taking bookings from interested families from Monday 5 December 2005. If you know of any families who would benefit from the Time for Grandparents Program, please forward this information to them.

**For all bookings and enquiries please contact the Seniors Enquiry Line on 1300 135 500 Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm.**

## Business Recruitment

Further business recruitment will be conducted by the Department of Child Safety during November and December 2005.

Carers are welcome to help recruit businesses in their community. If you require a business proposal application form, please contact your local child safety service centre or *Foster Carer Card* officer.

## Have you received your Foster Carer Card?

If you are a general or relative foster carer and have not received your Foster Carer Card, please contact your local child safety service centre or the Foster Carer Card officer.

Take advantage of your Foster Carer Card and receive special discounts from participating businesses that support the Foster Carer Card Scheme.

You can obtain an up-to-date Business Directory through the Foster Carer Card website or contact your Foster Carer Card officer.

## Contact Us

For further information about the Foster Carer Card, contact the Foster Carer Card officer on 3224 7565 or freecall 1800 811 732 or by email at:  
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