LOCATION
The Renmark Children’s Centre is located at 204 Eighteenth Street, Renmark SA 5341.

CONTEXT
Renmark Children’s Centre is situated across the road from Renmark Primary Schools and a short distance from Renmark High School.

The centre has been operating since January 2007 and was officially opened in 2008 by Hon Kaylene Maywald MP (local member) and Hon Jennifer Rankine MP (Minister Assisting for Early Childhood Development).

PROGRAMS
Long Day Care operates from 6.30am until 5.45pm Monday to Friday, 52 weeks per year.

Preschool operates from 8.45am to 3.30pm Monday to Thursday during school terms. A lunch time care program is available for eligible families.

Pre-entry into preschool is offered to children for one session per week, for three weeks, the term before starting sessional preschool.

Playgroup is held each Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm during the school term. Playgroup is coordinated by one of the Centre’s Child Care professionals.

Book Borrowing is available to children on a daily basis through the Child Care and Preschool programs.

A Women’s Information Service Hub is located in the Parenting Room and provides access to ‘women specific’ information with resources from the Office for Women.

Playtime is a three session program focusing on the benefits of play for children and providing strategies and practical ideas for parents and carers.

Allied Health provides occupational therapy and referral for other allied and child health services at the Riverland Community Health Services.

SERVICES
The Community Development Coordinator works to increase community capacity to support families to provide the best opportunities for every child. The Community Development Coordinator promotes partnerships across a broad range of local services and organisations and establishes interagency programs to meet the needs of the community.

The Family Services Coordinator works with children, families, service providers and community to enhance outcomes for children and their families. The role includes the provision of counselling and therapeutic groups for children and families, service coordination, and the provision of information and links to available services and supports (this position is currently vacant).
Allied Health Staff (Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist and Dietician) utilise primary prevention and early intervention approaches to strengthen parenting skills and build the capacity of Children's Centre staff to improve children's developmental outcomes.

**PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

Membership includes:
- Department for Families and Communities
- Country Health SA
- Children, Youth and Women’s Health Service
- Renmark Paringa Council
- Inclusive Directions
- Riverland Kids Team/ Berri Community Health Dietetic Services
- Riverland Women’s Health Service
- Local DECD program/site leaders (preschool, primary school, allied health worker, CDC)
- DECD Murray & Mallee Regional Office staff and Central Office staff
- Relationships Australia
- Anglican Community Care/ Centacare
- Renmark Junior Primary School
- Riverland Youth Theatre
- Riverland Settlement Services
- TAFESA
- TAFESA Children’s Services
- Renmark Children’s Centre