

# CARE PACKAGES HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES ACROSS SA

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Playgroups SA chief executive Craig Bradbrook, with program facilitators Beck Blunn and Emma Sordillo. Picture: Sarah Reed

THOUSANDS of care packages are being distributed to families and young people doing it tough during the coronavirus pandemic.

Food, nappies and baby formula are among the items contained in the packs, which have been put together through a \$320,000 State Government grant. Since May, 6300 food packages, 3602 nappy packs, 1000 sanitary items and 327 tins of baby formula have been handed out.

Frontline services, including Anglicare SA, Aboriginal Family Support Services, Uniting Communities and the Migrant Resource Centre, are distributing the packages to those in need. Packs have also been set aside for international students and temporary visa holders.

Playgroups SA chief executive Craig Bradbrook said his organisation had distributed 80 packages so far and was set to hand out a further 40 this week.

"A number of our families that we work with have either lost jobs or are doing it pretty tough financially so to be able to access these basic needs, food and cleaning products, is really welcome," he said. Mr Bradbrook said families had commented that the packages would make a "huge difference" in their day-to-day lives.