

# Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association (NSW)

1946 – 1984

**Other Names:**

- Society for the Welfare of Mental Deficients
- Psycho-Care Society
- SNCWA

## Details

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The Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association of New South Wales (SNCWA) was formed around 1946 by a group of parents whose children had intellectual disabilities. The group first called themselves the Society for the Welfare of Mental Deficients, then changed it to the Psycho-Care Society, before settling on the title Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association. By 1962, three dozen branches of the SNCWA had formed across NSW, providing schools, accommodation and permanent residential care for children and adults. The Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association (NSW) changed its name to Challenge Foundation NSW in 1984.

'Subnormal' or 'subnormality' was a term used to describe children and adults with intellectual disabilities, including learning difficulties. It was used by people to describe 'mental deficiency' or 'feeble-mindedness' and was popular in psychology.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association (NSW) (1946 – 1984)**
  - Challenge Foundation (1984 - 1993)
  - Crowle Foundation (1993 - 2008)
  - Achieve Australia (2009 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Crowle House \(1952 - 2012\)](#)  
Date: 1952 - 1984

#### Related Organisations

- [Sunnyfield School \(1953 - c. 1981\)](#)
  - [Sunnyfield Association \(1952 - current\)](#)  
Sunnyfield Association was originally part of the Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association  
Date: 1952 - 1956
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