



FACT SHEET - Prospective Parents - Pressure on Prospective Parents

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“We were given all the negatives about Down syndrome and that it would negatively impact our lives and I was given huge pressure to terminate.

No support for my decision to continue.”

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This pressure may come from healthcare professionals, within the partnership, other family members, or even within society and community members.

Access to **current, balanced, and relevant information** for you would be the best way to avoid this pressure you may feel.



If you would like to speak to a Support Services Officer who can support you through your journey, please complete this form so we can contact you and understand how we can best support you.

<https://prenatalscreening.org.au/support/>

References

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