



Kinship Care

Kinship Care occurs when Child Protection is involved and the child is unable to live with their parents. This program works with the child and carer, the carer can be a family member, extended family member or significant other of the child's social and mental wellbeing network under the child placement principal.

Referrals to the kinship program are made by *DHHS Child Protection*.

The Kinship Care Case Worker will work in partnership with kinship carers, children and young people, birth parents, extended family and professional stakeholders to strengthen the carer's capacity to provide a safe and stable environment which nurtures the child's development, wellbeing and culture.

Integrated Family Services (IFS)

Integrated Family Services (IFS) provides in-home support to families with children 0 – 18 years of age who may be experiencing difficulties or are at risk.

This program provides families with the necessary supports to strengthen their relationships, build parenting skills and connect families with their community.

Anyone in the community may refer a family to *Child First* if they have significant concerns for a child's wellbeing/safety.

Referrals can also be self referred from the family , we all need a helping hand at some time.

Child First 1800 290 943

What We Do

We are a not-for-profit organisation providing a diverse range of programs including

- Health
- Commonwealth Home Support Program
- Early Learning Centre
- Housing

And now Family Services

- Kinship Care
- Integrated Family Services
- Time out Services

Family Services

“The aim of Family Services is to promote the safety, stability and development of vulnerable children, young people and their families to help build capacity and resilience for children, families and communities.”



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Homelessness

Transition Support

One of the biggest issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is the need for housing that caters to their social and cultural needs.

MVAC Homelessness Service offers support, assisted referral, care planning and assistance for Aboriginal people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Time Out Services

The MVAC Time Out Services Family Violence Program aims to provide support to Aboriginal people who use inappropriate behaviour towards their family members. This service is designed to empower them to deal with their issues in a culturally appropriate manner.

This also includes enhancing the safety of Aboriginal people experiencing or recovering from family violence through the provision of timely and appropriate support services, case management and service projects directed at Aboriginal people attempting to address their violent behaviour including counselling, behaviour change programs, mentoring cultural and spiritual healing activities.

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OUR VISION

Cultural Strength and Independence

We want to further develop a strong cultural foundation for current and future generations of Indigenous people with programs that improve existing standards of Aboriginal housing, Aboriginal jobs, Indigenous welfare, and Indigenous education.

Kinship Care Program

Integrated Family Services

Time Out Services

Homelessness Transition

Support Program



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