



McAuley Child and Family Services

McAuley Child and Family Services provides a continuum of out-of-home care services to children and young people in the Department of Human Services' Southern Metropolitan Region. The program includes reception and emergency care, long term family group homes and a Lead Tenant Service that supports young people in their transition to independent living.

Family Group Homes – four in total, provide out-of-home care and case management services for children on a short-term and long-term basis.

Temporary Emergency Care Unit provides crisis care for children and young people who are awaiting further assessment of out-of-home needs.

Lead Tenant Service provides a role model based service for young people aged 16 to 18 years moving from out of home care into independent living.

Highlights

During 2001-2002 McAuley Child and Family Services achieved:

- Development of the contextual competency approach to case work as presented at 'MacKillop the Gathering', May 2002.
- Elevation of the case management and child care skill within the program.
- Stabilisation of the support staffing structure to the units.

- Upgrading works for all residential properties.
- Several major family reunifications, one young man was re-united with his mother after eight years with no contact. An orphaned sibling group of four were recently reunited with their intended family after a lengthy process of communicating through interpreters and developing a knowledge and undertaking of the cultural sensitivities of the family.
- The winning of a bursary to a private girl's college by one young woman as part of her long-term plan to practise Medicine.