

Making Difference to Making a Difference

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Background to MacKillop Family Services

MacKillop Family Services began on 1 July 1997 as a refounding of the work of seven Catholic child welfare organisations whose origins in Victoria can be traced back to the 1850s. The refounded organisation is committed to both direct service provision and broader social change through advocacy and social policy. MacKillop is one of the largest providers of child and family services in Victoria.

MacKillop aims to build community, to reconnect families as much as possible, and to empower them to take control of their decision-making. It provides innovative responses to the most difficult demands of children, young people and families, with a focus on alternative care, education, and family support programs that link families to communities.

MacKillop offers unique components of education and training and provides more than a hundred services in Barwon and Melbourne. It aims to provide high quality practice based on professional standards and contemporary research, and is keen to work in collaborative partnership with other services and agencies.

Our services include:

- intensive programs for children and young people who have been separated from their families;
- education, training and development programs;
- foster care and residential care;
- programs to reconnect children and families;
- respite care;
- disability services;
- school support services;
- substance abuse support services;
- intensive family support services and;
- access to historical records and personal information for former clients.

MacKillop Family Services is committed to advocacy with those on the margins and to raising awareness of justice issues.

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