



Social Support Volunteer

For children with a disability

 **Time commitment:** 2 hr p week

 **Location:** Geelong

 **Induction Training:** 5 hours (approx.)

About the Program

The Social Support Volunteer for children with a disability will be supporting our Home-Based Care Team in Barwon.

MacKillop's Home-Based Care program helps maintain and support carer households to meet the needs of children in Out-of-Home Care utilising a therapeutic lens.

Your Role

Home Based Care supports foster carers and children in foster care to meet optimal development in a caring and nurturing environment.

You will be supporting MacKillop staff in the Home-Based Care program and MacKillop foster carers by spending recreational time with children in care who live with a disability. You will act as a trusted adult and role model and support the children by playing and creating a safe and fun environment for them.

Possible Tasks

Volunteer responsibilities may include but are not limited to the following:

- visiting the family regularly
- building trust with the family and the child
- playing with the child
- respecting the child's and family's needs
- monitoring the child's safety at all times
- providing ongoing progress updates on the volunteer's contact visits

Our Values:

Hope - Justice - Collaboration - Compassion - Respect

You will be required to

- Sign and actively abide by MacKillop's Code of Conduct
- Observe and actively support MacKillop's P.8 People and Workplace Policy
- Attend mandatory and other training as required
- Participate in and promote continuous quality improvement processes
- Promote an environment that is culturally safe and strengths focussed
- Abide by principles and commitments of the Sanctuary Framework
- Support the child's Behavioural Support Plan, in consultation with the worker.

Key selection criteria

The Social Support Volunteer will need:

- Understanding and commitment to the values of MacKillop Family Services
- Experience or willingness to learn about people with disabilities
- Ability to supervise a child autonomously and guarantee safety
- Self-awareness and the ability to reflect critically
- The skill to connect in a playful way with children
- Ability to respond appropriately in the event of client incident
- To commit to at least 6 months of regular volunteering
- Confidential information pertaining to the client's case, this includes Behaviour Support Plan and client background information.

About MacKillop Family Services

MacKillop Family Services continues our founders' passionate commitment to social justice – to work for the rights of children, young people and families to be safe, to learn, feel nurtured and connected to culture. We provide high quality services to promote healing from trauma and loss, and to enable hopeful futures. MacKillop Family Services will care compassionately, respond large-heartedly and advocate courageously.



MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the Communities where we work.



MacKillop celebrates and draws strength from diversity and respects the dignity of all people. We value an inclusive culture where lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, gender diverse, intersex and asexual people (LGBTIQA+) have the right to be safe.

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