

Social Connection Volunteer

creating meaningful
relationships



Time commitment: Approx 3 hrs a fortnight



Location: Melbourne—Melton



Induction/Training: Approx 5 hours

About the program

MacKillop's Integrated Family Services provide child-focused and family-centred services to support vulnerable families in need.

This position is situated within the Volunteer Program of MacKillop and is part of MacKillop Integrated Family Services Melton reporting to the Coordinator, Robyn Davis.

The Social Connection Volunteer will support people who feel isolated in building social connections within the local community.

Your role

People who feel isolated and have difficulties connecting with local community are given support by the Social Connection Volunteer, who will be offering company when going on outings or when joining a community group for the first few times.

Possible tasks

The Social Connection Volunteer will:

- Regularly spend time with people who feel isolated for a few hours a month.
- Go for walks or coffee depending on what activities the person is interested in.
- Explore local community groups which the person might be able to join.
- Be punctual, reliable and friendly.

The volunteer must possess

- Valid and current Driver's Licence.
- Valid and current Working with Children Card.
- Satisfactory criminal history check conducted by MacKillop Family Services.
- NDIS check.
- Carer Register Check conducted by MacKillop Family Services.

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
- Participate in regular supervision and undergo all relevant compliance checks

Key selection criteria

- The ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with families, community, and others within MacKillop.
- A non-judgmental approach and compassion for supporting others who may be experiencing difficult circumstances.
- The ability to be understanding, patient and use listening skills.
- The ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with children and adults.
- An understanding or willingness to learn about child development and the issues that vulnerable children, young people and families face.
- Demonstrate behaviour consistent with MacKillop's five values, Justice, Hope, Collaboration, Compassion, and Respect.
- A knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and values and an awareness of the current issues faced by Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

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 (LGBTIQ+A+) have the right to be safe.



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