

# Volunteer Youth Mentor

Supporting Family  
Services

## About the program

The Volunteer Youth Mentor Program connects young people in Out-of-Home Care with volunteer mentors. The program matches children with mentors based on shared interests and skills, fostering strong mentoring relationships that empower and support young people.

## Your Role

Volunteer Youth Mentors spend time with young people in Out-of-Home Care, engaging in various activities to foster positive, supportive, and empowering relationships. The goal of this role is to enrich the lives of young people in Out-of-Home Care.

Volunteer Youth Mentors report to the Coordinator of Out-of-Home Care, who provides regular support, matches mentors with young people, and facilitates initial meetings with case managers or carers. Mentors work collaboratively with the young person's care team and adhere to Child Safety Standards.



**Time commitment:** Up to 5 hours per week



**Location:** Perth and Surrounds



**Induction/Training:** Approx 5 hours

Your Responsibilities as a Volunteer Youth Mentor may include but are not limited to the following:

- Undertake in person visits and support the young persons engagement and connection with their community.
- Foster positive and encouraging relationships with young people.
- Encourage the young person to identify positive interests and support them to find ways to realise and build confidence in these.
- Provide reports after each Mentor Support session.
- Communicate regularly and effectively to the Care Team.
- Engage in Learning and Development activities.

## What we will do

If you are successful in your application, we will support you to undertake the necessary probity checks. We will also provide you with comprehensive training and onboarding as well as access to ongoing support, training, resources, supervision and guidance. We will facilitate gentle introductions to young people you will be working with as a Volunteer Youth Mentor and help you to build productive and meaningful relationships.

## 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 and development activities 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

## Key selection criteria

The Volunteer Mentor will:

- Be a good communicator and able to build and maintain positive and supportive relationships.
- Have an understanding of, and be willing to learn about trauma and how it can impact young people.
- Have a range of positive recreational interests they can share with a young person, and have a willingness to support them to explore their interests.

- Have an understanding of professional boundaries and why these are important.
- Hold a current Western Australian driver's license.
- Hold or be prepared to obtain required police clearances including but not limited to : Criminal Records Check, Working with Children Check, NDIS Worker Screening Check (if required) and pre-commencement activities.

## Volunteer Youth Mentoring Program Goals

- Enhance young people's self-esteem and empowerment through positive mentoring relationships.
- Develop young people's social and emotional competencies.
- Encourage participation in positive recreational activities.
- Foster a sense of community belonging and reduce isolation.
- Promote young people's social and emotional growth through positive role modelling.

## 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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