

## Strengthening Families

Every parent wants the best for their child. But some families require additional support with the challenging task of being a parent. Issues such as family violence, substance abuse, mental illness and low educational attainment can all have a negative impact on parenting skills.

We work with some of the community's most vulnerable families. Across NSW and Victoria, we work closely with parents and their children to resolve problems, build on strengths and help maintain safe and loving homes.



# In 2017–18, over 6500 families received early intervention or disability support

#### **Family Support Services**

Our Family Support Services are culturally responsive and provide support to families through a number of programs including parenting support, children's playgroups and family skills training. We also provide assistance to those families experiencing alcohol or other drug misuse. These services are focused on preventing children entering care by building the capacity of parents to care for their children, and promote reunification once children enter the child protection system. Our family support programs are offered in NSW and Victoria.

#### **Disability Services**

Our Disability Services support children and young people living with disability to access programs that encourage independence, promote choice and facilitate community inclusion. Our disability services are offered in Victoria and rural NSW and support children and their families with case management, respite, recreation, in-home accommodation early childhood intervention and therapy support.

### **Contact MacKillop Family Services**

#### Victoria

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