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RELATIONSHIP CENTRE
HELPING FAMILIES BUILD BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

Child Centred Mediation



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+*) have the right to be safe.



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Child Centred Mediation

Child Centred Mediation allows the child's voice to be considered as part of the mediation process. It encourages parents to consider the child's experience of their separation and/or conflict, and to work together as a family to implement positive changes.

For a child to participate in a mediation process, it requires both parent's consent if you have shared parental responsibility, or the consent of the parent who has sole parental responsibility if this has been deemed by the court.

Your case also needs to be assessed as suitable and safe for your child/ren to be seen by the Child Consultant by a practitioner.

Why include the children?

Children have the right to contribute to decision making about issues that affect them. Research shows that including children in the mediation process has many advantages for both parents and children.

What age do the child/ren need to be?

Children between the ages of 4 -18 can participate in Child Centred Mediation.

How do I apply for Child Centred Mediation?

Parents need to have started the mediation process; they can then discuss inviting their children to Child Centred Mediation with their practitioner.

How much will it cost?

This is a free of charge service offered by the Broadmeadows Family Relationship Centre.

