

Centacare provides services across the following areas:

- Sunraysia
- Swan Hill Rural Area
- Gannawarra and Bullock Shires

Services provided to Kinship families include:

- Information and advice
- Support groups
 - carers
 - children
- Assistance to understand children's needs and behaviour
- Access to parenting education
- Counselling
- Parenting plans
- Mediation
- Practical support

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Kinship Care Services

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Centacare Family Services offer a wide range of services to help individuals, families and children live with choice and opportunity free from discrimination.

Kinship care is the care provided by relatives or a member of a child's social network when a child cannot live with their parents, either as a result of Child Protection intervention (statutory kinship), or as a result of a family decision (private kinship).

The Kinship Services Program's objectives are to:

- more effectively harness and support the capacity of extended family networks.
- assist kinship carers to provide ongoing normative age appropriate life experiences with minimal professional intervention, by building on informal and formal supports and community resources.
- ensure that kinship care placements are more effectively established, supported and monitored to ensure ongoing safety, stability and developmental needs of the child.

The Kinship Family Services Program provides:

1 Kinship advice and information service:

This will provide relevant information about available community resources to assist kinship carers, extended family members, professionals and others involved to be able to provide the best possible care and support for children growing up in kinship families.

The program will facilitate and/or coordinate kinship carer groups to support information sharing and promote access to training and other available resources.

2 Kinship family service:

This service will offer time limited assistance to extended family networks to assist in providing the best possible kinship care arrangements for children unable to live with their own parents with the minimum level of professional intervention and involvement from the formal service system.



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3 Kinship placement support service

The program will assist with the establishment, monitoring and support of the kinship care placements arranged for the most vulnerable children as a result of child protection involvement to ensure that they meet the child's ongoing safety, stability and developmental needs.

The service will assist extended family networks to provide the best possible kinship care arrangements for children unable to live with their own parents with the minimum level of professional intervention and involvement from the formal service system.