

Strengthening families to build vibrant communities

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foster carers come from all walks of life

Carers are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Anyone who can offer a child a secure and loving home is eligible to become a foster carer.



All you need is a commitment to children, a willingness to undertake training and assessment and the eagerness to give it a go.

You will form part of a team that will support these children to stay safe and well cared for.

Financially, the government provides a fortnightly non-taxable allowance to assist with a child's living expenses.

If you can offer a safe, stable and nurturing home, give us a call for more information.

Out of Home Care services are provided by Upper Murray Family Care Inc. The program is funded by the Victorian Department of Human Services.

Upper Murray Family Care Inc. is a not for profit organisation who is proud to be supporting our local community.

You can support the work of Upper Murray Family Care Inc. by sending your tax deductible donation to your nearest office.

Thank you for your support.

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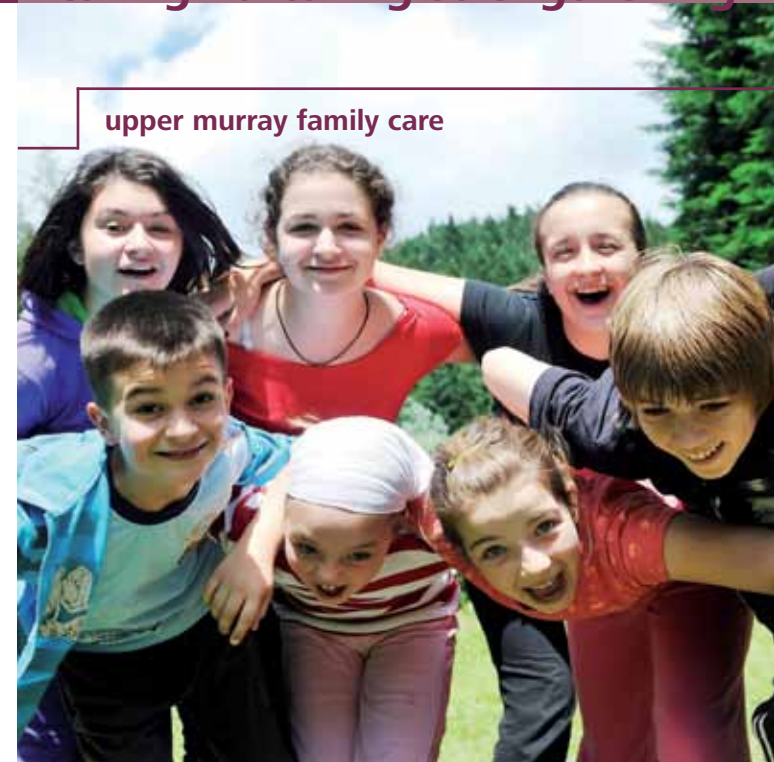
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Out of Home Care

Provides approved and supported home based care placements for children and young people aged 0 - 18 years, with carers who are independent of the child's family (Foster Care) or with family or friends of the child's family (Kinship Care).

We serve communities within the Eastern Hume Region, including the local government shires of Indigo, Towong, Mansfield, Alpine, Benalla, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

foster care

Foster Care is the temporary care of a vulnerable child or young person in a home environment, during a time when they cannot live with their own families due to issues of risk or safety.

Children and young people may need short or long term care depending on their circumstances. Reuniting them with their families when it is safe to do so is a high priority and carers may play an important role in helping this to happen.

voluntary & emergency respite care

When families find themselves in times of crisis and extended family members or friends are not in a position to help out, foster care may be able to assist by providing a temporary respite or emergency placement for their children.



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circle program

The Circle Program uses a therapeutic care approach to focus on hearing the child's voice, understand the meanings behind behaviours and respond to their underlying needs.



The program supports long-term, safe and stable relationships between the carers and child as the means for healing from trauma and abuse.

Therapeutic carers receive specific training and additional support from a specialist team and the program is in place for children aged 0 - 12 years.

equip program

Equip is a therapeutic care program for adolescents aged 12 - 16 years. The program supports vulnerable young people to stay in home based care rather than live in a refuge or group residential setting.



A specialist therapeutic team works closely with the carers and young person to understand and support their needs. The program also provides carers with ongoing training and supervision.

Both the circle and equip programs are joint initiatives between Upper Murray Family Care, The Victorian Department of Human Services, Junction Support Services, Berry Street Victoria and Take Two.