

At UMFC our Care Services team is committed to ensuring all children and young people are safe, have a sense of belonging and are supported to reach their full potential.

The Care Services program provide support for vulnerable children and young people by ensuring they are provided with a care arrangement which considers their individual circumstances and diverse needs.

These children and young people may be in foster care, kinship or kith placements. Care Services programs work with children or young people who have had adverse life experiences and require additional support when they are in a care arrangement. Utilising the expertise of our qualified case management practitioners we work collaboratively with the child or young person, families, carers and services to ensure they are supported to reach their full potential whilst in home-based care.



Care Services



Supporting children, young people and families in their time of need

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UMFC acknowledges the support of the Victorian, NSW, and Australian governments. We acknowledge the traditional custodians and Elders past and present, who have raised children and taught them about the world around them. We celebrate diversity and are committed to inclusion for all as a service and a workplace. We are a Child Safe Organisation.



Ensuring safe and nurturing care for vulnerable children



Ensuring children and young people are cared for in a safe and stable home environment

UMFC's Care Services program ranges from general to intensive support for children and young people who are unable to live with their parents. The programs include foster care, kinship care and carer management and support.

UMFC Care Services programs are the only local home-based care organisation across Ovens Murray. We are able to provide local support to children, young people and their carers with experienced and caring practitioners who are committed to safety and stability for children.



Our **Foster Care program** supports children and young people in accredited home-based care arrangements with families. The team works collaboratively with carers, families and services to ensure support and stability in the home with carers.

The UMFC **Kinship Care team** provide care and support to children and young people who have been placed with family or a significant person in their life by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. The aim is to support and increase the stability of the placement whilst meeting the needs of the child or young person to ensure they are thriving and feeling connected. The **First Supports** Program provides support for Kith and Kin carers in the early stages of caring for a child or young person.

This is to ensure carers are supported and equipped with advice, information and financial support to be able to smoothly transition children into their home, and build relationships with people familiar to them.

Our **Carer Management and Support team** undertake care arrangement matching for children and young people with suitable carers. The Carer Management and Support team are responsible for recruiting, assessing and training new foster carers. They ensure carers are equipped, supported and provided with skills and knowledge to be able to provide a safe and stable environment for children and young people in their care.

Interested in knowing more about becoming a carer?

Call our Carer Management and Support Team on 02 6055 8000, or email fostercareenquiries@umfc.com.au with any questions or to book an information session.