

UMFC Child and Family Services Program offers support and advocacy for all children and their families.

Our services include supporting children and families to build on their relationships, and increase their connection to community to ensure children are supported to develop and meet their full potential. We also offer counselling and support to families, inclusive of the LGBTIQ+ community. Our teams are highly skilled in the delivery of focused training and development initiatives that address specific needs, including the involvement in community development activities.

Through a commitment to evidence-based and culturally informed approaches, our highly skilled practitioners and counsellors walk alongside children and families to achieve positive outcomes and sustainable change.



Child and Family Services

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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.



Promoting child wellbeing and family development in our communities





Embracing all children and families

Child & Family Services oversee a number of specialised programs that meet specific needs through intensive support.

We also maintain strong relationships with external providers.

Our **Family Services** practitioners work alongside families to create and enhance supportive networks and resources to meet the needs of their children and to create a better future for their family.



Call The Orange Door Ovens Murray on 1800 271 157 or email oma@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

UMFC's **Family Violence Child Safety** team support children and families who have experienced, been impacted by, or are living in family violence. The FVCST provides consultation and collaborative responses to children and their families through working in partnership with Family Services practitioners. The team provide support to all services within the Ovens Murray Child and Family Services Alliance.

Children and families can access these services via their Family Services practitioner.

The **Victorian Family Preservation and Reunification Response (VFPRR)** team provides a collaborative link between UMFC and Child Protection to support and empower families towards long lasting change. The team works to support your family to build capacity through two key objectives. The first is family preservation, creating safety at home and preventing child removal and placement into care. The second is family reunification, creating safety so that children can be returned to their homes from external care.

Referral via child protection agencies.

Our **Child and Family Youth Mentor** provides 1:1 mentor support for children and young people whose families are currently being supported by Family Services and VFPRR. The Child and Youth Mentor works directly with children and young people to support them in identified areas of need.

UMFC's **Family Therapy** team offers fee for service single-session therapy and ongoing therapy. The program provides families with space to explore their goals and work towards creating the changes they seek.

The **Qspace** Program is a Victorian state program developed in partnership with Drummond St services. Qspace provides free, safe and inclusive counselling for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, a-sexual and gender diverse, intersex, and queer people of all ages, as well as their families and communities.

Referral via email to familytherapy@umfc.com.au or lgbtiq@umfc.com.au

The UMFC **Early Years** team provides the Preschool Field Officer (PSFO) program. The PSFO's support Early Childhood teachers through building their capacity to assist children needing additional support to be fully included and participate in 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten funded programs.

Referrals can be made by your child's Early Childhood teacher.

