



Preschool Field Officer Program



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.



**For Early
Childhood Teachers**

Providing flexible and
individualised support for
kindergarten programs



Flexible individual support



Through our **Preschool Field Officer Program (PSFO)**, UMFC supports Victorian funded kindergarten programs to build the capacity of Early Childhood teachers.

Preschool Field Officers are qualified in early childhood development and education. They are experienced in working with children in early childhood settings. The PSFO program is funded by the Department of Education to provide free support to Early Childhood teachers.

PSFO's provide support to eligible kindergarten programs including Early Start Kindergarten, Kindergarten Inclusion Support or the Inclusion Development Fund.



Delivering a holistic service for Early Childhood Teachers

Our PSFO's are skilled in a range of areas to support Early Childhood teachers in responding to the diverse needs of children. PSFO's can:

- support teachers in identifying children with additional needs including:
 - challenging behaviour
 - social and emotional difficulties
 - development delays
 - vulnerability or trauma
 - English as a second language.
- build the capacity of Early Childhood teachers to support children's inclusion and participation
- identify and provide resources, strategies and referral pathways that will support the needs of children and their families
- provide guidance on a child's school-readiness and support their transition to school
- supporting difficult conversations with families.

Please note that parent or guardian permission is required before a PSFO can work with the Early Childhood teacher to determine the individual needs of a child.

