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CHILD PROTECTION PRESTON INTAKE -CP Preston 1300 664 977-Report

Intake Service-

The main functions of DHHS Child Protection Intake is to receive reports from people who believe that a child is in need of protection or have significant concerns about the wellbeing of a child. To provide consultation and advice to people making reports. Investigate matters where it is believed that a child is at risk of significant harm. Refer children and families to services that assist in providing for the ongoing safety and wellbeing of children.

CHILD PROTECTION MILDURA -CP Mildura 5022 3111

The main functions of DHHS Child Protection are to investigate and assess matters where it is believed that a child is at risk of significant harm. Ongoing monitoring of children and families. Refer to services that assist in providing for the ongoing safety and wellbeing of children.

DHHS Child Protection will also intervene and bring cases before the Children's Court if a child's safety cannot be managed without intervention. DHHS Child Protection has a responsibility to provide adequate supervision, care and protection for children in accordance with orders granted by the Children's Court.

CHILD FIRST 1300 625 533- Referral

Child and Family Information, Referral and Support Teams (Child FIRST)

The role of Child FIRST includes:

Provides a point of entry to a local network of family services receiving reports about vulnerable children where there are significant concerns about their wellbeing undertaking an initial identification and assessment of the risks to the child and the child's needs in consultation with DHHS Child Protection and other services identifying appropriate service responses for families.

VICTORIAN POLICE-Mildura- 5018 5300

Both DHHS and Victoria Police have statutory responsibilities under the *CYFA* in relation to the protection of children. DHHS Child Protection is the lead agency responsible for the care and protection of children, while Victoria Police is responsible for criminal investigations into alleged child abuse.

VICTORIA POLICE SEXUAL OFFENCES AND CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION TEAMS(SOCIT)

-5023 5980

SOCIT have been established to ensure that appropriately trained and qualified police officers are available to respond to and investigate allegations of child abuse and sexual offences.

All allegations of sexual offences or child abuse should be reported to DHHS Child Protection or Victoria Police for investigation. Under no circumstances should school staff investigate an allegation themselves. School staff should only enquire sufficiently to form a reasonable belief that a child may be in need of protection.

FAMILY SERVICES- Referral from Child First

The aim of Family Services is to promote the safety, stability and development of vulnerable children, young people and their families, and to build capacity and resilience for children, families and communities.

The target group for Family Services is vulnerable young people and their families who are likely to experience greater challenges as the child or young person's development has been affected by the experience of risk factors and/or cumulative harm, and/or at risk of concerns escalating and becoming involved with Child Protection if problems are not addressed.

The intention is to provide services to the target group earlier, to protect children and young people and improve family functioning.

MALLEE ACCOMODATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE-5021 6500

MALLEE FAMILY CARE-5023 5966

CENTACARE-5051 0000

MALLEE DISTRICT ABORIGINAL SERVICE-5018 4100

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DOCTORS-GP-MENTAL HEALTH PLAN-ATAPS REFFERAL to psychologist

ATAPS referral-Free 6 weeks counselling.

PSYCHOLOGY & WELLBEING WORX- 5022 1247

Psychology & Wellbeing Worx is a psychology practice providing counselling and psychology services. The psychologists offer support to individuals, couples, families, children & adolescents to achieve long term change. Assisting people who are struggling with a range of issues, such as depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, poor body image, anger, family/relationship conflict, grief & loss, trauma, chronic pain, development delay and learning difficulties, amongst many more psychological concerns. There are a number of treatment methods that been shown to produce the best outcomes, such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Narrative Therapy and Mindfulness-based therapies.

GERALD PURCHASE- PSYCHOLOGIST-5021 1697

Psychologists work directly with those experiencing difficulties, such as mental health disorders including anxiety and depression. They help people to overcome relationship problems, eating disorders, learning problems, substance abuse, parenting issues, or to manage the effects of a chronic illness.

LEAPS AND BOUNDS- 5022 9663

In Leaps & Bounds is a small private clinic in Mildura working with children from infancy to adolescence. Work with children of all abilities from those who need assistance in specific areas to those with more complex developmental needs. Working with families by customizing individual programs to achieve positive and functional outcomes for the children

CHYMS-5022 3500

Mental Health Services offer a range of inpatient and community based programs for people with a serious mental illness who reside in the Northern Mallee Region.

HEADSPACE- 5021 2400

Mildura is a place that young people between the age of 12-25yrs can go if they are having a tough time. Mildura can assist with a range of free or low cost services, including advice, information and early intervention services for the following

Mental & physical health concerns

Use of alcohol and other substances

Risk of homelessness

Vocational & educational support

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE DIRECTORY

MALLEE SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT AND MALLEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE

MSA and MDVS-5025 5400

Mallee Sexual Assault Unit and Mallee Domestic Violence Service provide services for women, men, and children throughout the Mallee. In the Mildura Rural City Council LGA centre-based family violence services are provided in Mildura (24-hour response).

Assistance provided includes assessment, advocacy, safety planning, support, information, counselling, access to crisis accommodation, court support, case management, family and children work, housing support, referrals, access to flexible support packages and referrals to other services.

MALLEE DISTRICT ABORIGINAL SERVICE

Meminar Ngangg Gimba- 50 22 5000

Meminar Ngangg Gimba is a culturally respectful and sensitive service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children dealing with and addressing family violence. The service provides crisis support, safety planning, court support, case management, family and children work, housing support, cultural planning, advocacy, referrals and 24/7 supported accommodation with onsite facility.

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MALLEE FAMILY CARE

Murray Mallee Community Legal Service - Family Violence Legal Unit

A Specialist Domestic Violence Unit Solicitor is collocated with Mallee Domestic Violence Service and works to support victims of family violence by providing information, advice, legal education and casework court representation for family violence, family law and relevant legal matters.

ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND LEGAL SERVICE (FVPLS)-

Phone: 03 50 21 3200 Free call 1800 105 303

The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation established to provide assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims of family violence and sexual assault and to work with families and communities affected by violence. The service provides free legal advice, referrals, ongoing casework, and court representation in matters relating to intervention orders, family law, child protection, victim's compensation and other legal problems arising from family violence. FVPLS also engages in community legal education, community development, policy, and law reform.

CENTACARE

- 5051 0050

Specialist Family Violence Service which provides counselling support, group work and resources for individuals and families affected by family violence. This service is funded by the Federal government

SUNRAYSIA MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL (SMECC)

- 5022 1006

SMECC Families Strengthening Project

SMECC provides specialised support to prevent and respond to family violence and other related gender issues within Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities- 5022 1006