

## About Gunditjmarra

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd is an independent community based not for profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Organization located in Southwest Victoria.

Gunditjmarra provides culturally safe, strength based, social, health and wellbeing programs and services at all life stages- from cradle to grave.

At Gunditjmarra we are committed to:

- ✓ Provide intensive support to clients, carers and families
- ✓ Client centered approach in all interactions
- ✓ Be active and strong advocates on behalf of clients and families
- ✓ Have culture at the centre of everything that we do
- ✓ Link community members in with wrap around service support.



GUNDITJMARA IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION AND IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ABUSE.

### GUNDITJMARA PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS EXPERIENCING AND OR NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Family Violence
- Health via the Gunditjmarra Health Service
- Homelessness
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- Family Support Advocacy
- Justice system
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Leaving Care transition
- Playgroup (Kooramook)
- Maternal and Child Health
- In Home Care Support
- Social Engagement Activities



### PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

## KOORI MATERNITY SERVICE (KMS)

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**Koori Maternity Service (KMS) delivers culturally responsive and high-quality maternity care for Aboriginal women, babies, and their families on Gunditjmara country.**

The service works regionally in partnership with four Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. KMS strives to ensure that the women and their families receive holistic care, provided early and strengthened by Aboriginal culture and practice.

Care of women is delivered in partnership and strong collaboration with local maternity services, antenatal clinics, midwives, GPs, Maternal and Child Health and internal programs/services within ACCHO's.

## How this is Accomplished

- Evidence based and best practice antenatal care delivered in a culturally sensitive and considerate manner
- Intrapartum and postnatal care with strong foundations in Aboriginal knowledge
- Delivering support services to women in partnership with Gunditjmara, Winda-Mara, Kirrae and Dhuawurd-Wurrung Aboriginal Organisations.
- Supporting women through labour and birth support
- Providing ongoing care for women and their families
- Working flexibly to improve equity of access to antenatal and postnatal care for Aboriginal women

**Referral Pathway:** Referrals can come from professionals, or you can call Gunditjmara on 5559 1234 and ask to speak to the Koori Maternity Services worker or Alternatively pop into the office at 135 Kelper Street Warrnambool to have a Yarn on how we can best support you.

**IF THERE ARE IMMEDIATE CONCERNS FOR A PERSON'S LIFE OR SAFETY, OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED, 000 SHOULD BE CALLED.**

If children are at significant and immediate risk of harm, contact the After-Hours Child Protection Emergency Service 13 12 78 (staffed 5pm-9am).

**Statewide family violence 24/7 crisis service** – safe steps Family Violence Response Centre. Call: 1800 015 188. Available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

**Sexual assault support** – Sexual Assault Crisis Line (SACL) Call: 1800 806 292

**For perpetrators** – Men's Referral Service (MRS) Helpline. Call: 1300 766 491 (available 9am - 9pm Monday-Friday).

**For female victim survivors** – Victim Support Agency (VSA) Victims of Crime Helpline Call: 1800 819 817 or Text: 0427 767 891. Available 8am – 11pm, 7 days a week.

**For LGBTI victim survivors** – Switchboard (QLife Counselling and Referral service). Call 1800 184 527. Available 3pm – midnight, 7 days a week.

**Telephone Counselling** – 1800RESPECT. Call: 1800 737 732. Available 24hrs, 7 days a week.

**Djirra** – Aboriginal Family Violence and Legal service. Free call 1800 105 303

**West Division Intake** – Rural and Regional only 1800 075 599. Business hours: 8:45am – 5pm

Outside of business hours if you want to have a yarn, contact Yarning Safe n Strong 1800 959 563. It is a 24/7 free and confidential phone crisis line for Aboriginal people and families who need to have a yarn with someone about their wellbeing.

