

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



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES

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INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES

The Integrated Family Services (IFS) Program provides culturally sensitive, safe, confidential, professional advocacy and support services to vulnerable Aboriginal families living in South West Victoria who are requiring some extra parenting support.



Aims and Objectives

- Provides culturally sensitive services to Aboriginal families
- Assists parents/carers to make informed parenting choices about their circumstances for the safety of their child/children
- Ensures access and advocacy to relevant services
- Promotes early intervention strategies before Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) Child Protection becomes involved.

Types of Support

Assisting parents/carers to make informed parenting choices regarding the safety, stability and development of their child/children such as:

- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Court Support
- ✓ Counselling
- ✓ Referrals
- ✓ Mental Health support
- ✓ Personal support
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Community development and education
- ✓ Early intervention strategies prevention
- ✓ Routines and Boundary strategies
- ✓ Budgeting
- ✓ Access information on housing, legal advice, income support, financial counselling, childcare, parenting, court support or other individual services as required

At Gunditjmara our mob can walk in or call us on 5559 1234 and have a yarn with us about a referral or Alternatively pop into the at office at 135 Kepler Street Warrnambool to have a Yarn on how we can best support you.

OR Be referred to Child FIRST or The Orange Door who can assess your needs and refer to an Aboriginal service if you wish. South West Child FIRST: Centralised Intake Services for Family Services.
Phone: 1300 543 779 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Such collaborative activities are negotiated from a culturally safe perspective and may include secondary consultation or joint direct work with the family

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.