

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

KOORI YOUTH
JUSTICE (KYJ)

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The Koori Youth Justice Program aims to engage with young people who are currently on Justice or Diversionary Orders and or transitioning Post and Pre- Court Orders.

We provide individualised supports both during their care and after across a range of life areas including housing, health and wellbeing, education, employment, and community and cultural connections.

The Koori Youth Justice/Mentoring Program is about engaging with young people using a strengths-based approach, recognising and building on their talents and aspirations, as well as assisting them to overcome challenges. Referrals can come from a wide range of services including Justice, Education, Child Protection, Community members or self referrals.

Justice workers role:

The Koori Youth Justice Worker engages proactively with the young person as they Commence Court Diversionary or Justice Orders.

Whilst the young person is in The KYJ Program the KYJ worker will work strive to positively engage with the young person in a range of programs designed to build a strong connection to community as well as a strong sense of self including positive decision making.

The KYJP provides individualised support to young people up to the age of 21 years of age who have been on Justice Orders, Child Protection or just at risk of offending. The program is based upon the Ideals of Assisting the Young person to continue to reach goals and to reiterate positive attitudes and behaviours.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for The Koori Youth Justice Program, a young person must be between the ages of 12 and 21 years old, and within the justice system or at risk of entering:

- DHHS Child Protection orders
- Diversion Orders
- Community Based Orders
- Remand
- Youth justice custodial sentence
- Court Control Orders
- Deferral of sentence
- Good Behaviour Bond

Referral pathway – please call 5559 1234 and ask to speak to our Koori Youth Justice worker or Alternatively pop into the at office at 135 Kepler 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.

