

RESOURCE BOOKLETS for Kinship Carers



**Camps & respite
2024**

CAMPS



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Camp children are able to laugh, play, sing, dance, run amok and have fun – things that most Australians view as essential ingredients of growing up.

For the children who attend, the camps also promote personal growth, helping them develop life skills and enhancing their sense of value and worth.

The 1:1 ratio allows for one on one attention, something that many of the children are starving for. Many of the benefits stem simply from the kids being able to spend time with compassionate, caring and enthusiastic people who can act as positive role models in their lives.

Camps also serve the purpose of providing short-term respite care. This allows the families or carers of children the chance to cope with their difficulties, secure in the knowledge that their children are being well cared for and having fun.

Types of Camps

- Kids Camps
- Family Camps
- Teen Boys Camps
- Teen Girls Camps
- Partnership Camps



Southern Cross Kids' Camps

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Southern Cross Kids' Camps is a not-for-profit and advocacy organisation, dedicated to helping children overcome the negative impacts of abuse and neglect for the hope of vibrant futures in their communities.

SCKC interrupts the cycle of abuse and neglect in primary aged children by providing an outstanding five-day camping program.

Many of the kids who attend camp are in the foster care system and have been subjected to various forms of significant trauma.

With over 700 dedicated volunteers, kids experience a week filled with fun and laughter and get to leave camp with a fresh perspective, new life skills and hope for a brighter future.

SCKC provides a week of happy memories for the kids who need it most.



The Portsea Camp

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The Portsea Camp's mission is to run and provide a venue for camps for rurally isolated, disadvantaged and special needs children who 'need a break'.

Week-long camps are run for 9-12-year olds during January and Easter school holidays and for 13-16 year olds in September. A weekend 'break away' camp is also run for local teenagers.

Camps run for disadvantaged, rurally isolated and special needs children during school holidays are second to none. With a near 70-year history running such camps you can rest assured that we have ironed out any bugs!



Breakaway Camps

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Breakaway is a unique free youth support program that is based in Melbourne Victoria serving the Banyule, Darebin and Whittlesea regions.

All of the young people are referred to Breakaway Camps by local welfare agencies within the Darebin and Whittlesea regions who work with their families, as well as schools, city councils and churches.

They come to Breakaway Camps for many reasons these reasons include: living in a single parent home, family struggling financially, substance abuse in their home, domestic violence, family breakdown, difficulty in school and social settings or living in out-of-home care.



**Kinship
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RESPIRE FOR KINSHIP CARERS



Abracadabra Childcare Services

Abracadabra Respite Care offers a wide variety of respite services, which include:

- Respite for foster/kinship carers
- Respite for parents who have fallen victim to domestic violence
- Disability/injury care & insurance claims
- Community services workshops & forums – Group childcare assistance
- Children with special needs including supporting families' NDIS funding
- 24/7 childcare for unwell parents requiring hospitalisation

All of these services will cover short regular episodes of care, 24-hour live-in care, or even casual care.

1300 011 167

abra.childcare@gmail.com

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

After Hours Service Number & Emergency Care: 6am to 9am & 5pm to 9pm Weekdays

6am to 9pm Saturday & Sunday

Please text 0403 222 117 and an ACS consultant will respond ASAP.





Family Contact Service

Kinship carers are vital in child protection situations and taking care of the carers is important too. Our Kinship Carer Respite Service supports carers by allowing them time alone to rest and recharge after the intense demands of their role.

Family Contact Service offers an in-home respite service for children in kinship care situations, meaning that children have the security of a consistent respite carer in the familiarity of their own home, whilst allowing carers an important break.

Alternative respite options include weekends away or respite care in a contingency house. Carers might like to take advantage of our respite service for a variety of reasons. It might just be for a few hours a week to allow them uninterrupted time to complete errands such as shopping or to

spend some much-needed time with their partner. Carers may also need extra support during more intense periods, such as school holidays.

One of the main needs identified by kinship carers is respite from caring. Every year, approximately 14% of kinship carers are forced to cease performing their caring roles for various reasons but often due to a lack of support. Family Contact Service is committed to providing a stopgap for kinship care families in need of support. Please be advised a brochure and application for Kinship Carer Respite is being developed at this time. Please add information to the FCS Application for Time Spent/Access/Foster & Kinship Carer Respite in sections relevant and at the end of the application there are three empty text boxes to type extra information into.



- Available 365 days per year, except Christmas day depending on staff availability.
- We cover all areas of Melbourne, Geelong and rural areas in Victoria.
- Handover and pick-up service offered.
- Time spent/access supervision court reports provided on request.
- Supervisors can give evidence in court if subpoenaed with an hourly rate charged.
- Organisation providing supervisors for time spent/access supervision for the Family and Children's Courts.
- Respectful, private and confidential service to families.
- Minimum time for supervision is two hours.
- Our focus is protection for children from harm during contact in line with the Child Safety Standards under the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*.

- We are a private organisation that offers innovation and creativity, Let's create options together.

ABOUT OUR STAFF

- Qualified supervisors with training specific for your needs.
- Currently 27 qualified and industry experienced staff members.
- All staff have either welfare, human services or social work qualifications and other relevant industry qualifications.
- All staff have a current working with children check.

Family Contact Service provides experienced and qualified time spent/access supervisors for supervised contact.

Family Contact Service is a Child Safe Practice organisation.

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KCV's community resources for kinship carers booklets

1. Planning for more effective access visits
2. How to run a successful support group and be an effective carer advocate/representative
3. The Orange Door services
4. Support for informal kinship carers
5. Grief and loss
6. How to make a complaint – and get heard
7. Court orders – the role of Child Protection and the courts
8. Education
9. Financial support for kinship carers
10. Rights
11. For children & young people with an emotional or physical disability
12. Assistance for those coping with suicide
13. LGBTQIA+ families & communities
14. Mental health and family relationships
15. Camps & respite
16. Carers' wellbeing
17. Legal community
18. Local governments
19. Support for grandparents and non-parents caring for children



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