

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION





OUR *Vision*

People are meaningfully connected to create the life they want. We achieve this together through innovation and relationships, creating new horizons towards an advantaged community.

OUR *Mission*

Our mission is to provide community based services that promote a just society and improve the life circumstances for people who are vulnerable and disadvantaged, especially those who are experiencing homelessness, family violence, marginalisation or disconnectedness.

OUR Values

Brophy Family and Youth Service actively values and promotes diversity in our community and affirms our commitment to always be inclusive and respectful to all, regardless of gender, age, race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, level of ability, cultural or language background.

We welcome people who are LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex, queer, plus other sexual minority identities).

Social Justice

Promoting justice, social fairness and human rights.

Professionalism

Practicing in an ethical, respectful and inclusive manner.

Empowerment

Strengthening and enabling individual and community decision-making.

Responsiveness

Responding in a timely, engaging and respectful manner.

Partnership

Striving for shared connections to create better client outcomes.

About Brophy Family and Youth Services

Health Services

headspace Warrnambool

Offers a free confidential, youth friendly services for young people aged 12-25

- › GP youth clinic
 - Physical and mental health check-ups
 - Sexual Health
 - Vaccinations
- › GP In Secondary Schools – Satellite Clinics
- › Brauer College
- › Warrnambool College
- › SW TAFE – Warrnambool Campus
- › Counselling and mental health support
- › Drug and alcohol counselling
- › Vocational and education advice and support
- › Adolescent tele-psychiatry

The WILD Program

Combines adventure, narrative and other evidence informed therapies for young people aged between 12–25 who are at risk of mental health, drug and alcohol and early school leaving problems.

The DARE Program

Is an early intervention drug and alcohol program for young people aged between 12 and 25 at risk and/or harm from alcohol and drug use in south west Victoria. DARE provides a range of evidence based interventions to support young people to build on solid social and emotional foundations.

Healthy Relationships Program

Delivers school and community-based programs to prevent sexual assault and gender-based violence amongst young people.



SAFE in the SW project

Projects and activities to:

- Increase the wellbeing of LGBTIQ young people
- Built the capacity of service delivery for LGBTIQ users
- Improve community awareness and support for sexual and gender diversity.

Yumcha Group

Is a safe place for sex and gender-diverse young people and their allies to meet, support and celebrate diversity.

Needle and Syringe Exchange Program

Provides a confidential needle and syringe exchange service.

Psychological Therapy Services

Psychological Therapy Services (PTS) provide evidence based, short term focused psychological intervention to people with a diagnosable mild, moderate, or in some cases severe mental illness, or to people who have attempted, or are at risk of, suicide or self-harm where access to other services is not appropriate. The service is aimed at hard to reach groups who experience a barrier to access services in Warrnambool.

Enhanced Mental Health Support in Secondary Schools (EMHSS)

Provides short term face to face evidence based mental health counselling to students in nominated state secondary schools in the south west region. Referrals for EMHSS are provided by nominated schools wellbeing centres.

Enterprise Services

Youth Projects

Brophy offers great opportunities for enterprising young people aged between 12–25 who are interested in developing their own ideas into projects that generate skills and confidence towards strengthening their vocational pathways, creating links to community, and building possible future income. The projects are co-designed and generated by young people around their connection to the arts, business, schools, training and community



Education, Training and Employment Services

Transition to Work

Works with early school leavers aged 15 to 21 years to equip them to become work ready through training, work experience and volunteering opportunities leading to sustainable employment.

School Focused Youth Service (SFYS)

Aims to ensure that students in Grade 5 to Year 12 who are vulnerable and/or showing signs of disengagement from school are provided with support to remain at school.

Springboard

Supports young people in or who have left residential care to engage with education, training and employment.

Accommodation and Support Services

Transitional Housing Support Service

Aims to provide support to youth aged between 15–25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as they make the transition to independent living.

Crisis Accommodation Program

Is a short-term crisis accommodation, referral and support service. The service is available for young people aged between 15–25 and is accessed through Brophy's Access and Engagement service.

Foyer Warrnambool

Provides a safe and affordable, supported accommodation campus for young adults at risk of homelessness, to assist in transitioning into stable living arrangements and secure employment and training.

Leaving Care Program

Aims to provide intensive support to young people aged between 16-18 years leaving state care and transitioning to independent living.

Supporting Connections - SAVVI

Addresses gaps in service for residents of Supported Residential Services.

Youth Justice Conferencing

Provides a restorative justice intervention to the Children's Court with the aim of diverting a young person from more intensive supervisory court outcomes using restorative justice principles.

Youth Justice Community Support

Provides a case support role for young people engaged with the youth justice system.



Community Reconnections Program

For people 25 years and over who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and not currently linked with other services. It is intended to provide short-term support for adults who require assistance to link into more long-term services such as health, housing and community support services.

Tenancy Plus

Assists Office of Housing tenants to establish and sustain their tenancy. The program focuses on providing support on issues that may place tenancy at risk and by assisting to ensure that tenancy is sustainable and enjoyable. Advocacy is also provided for tenants at risk, including support at the Victorian Civil and Administrative tribunal.

Rough Sleepers Program

In partnership with Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative, South West Healthcare Mental Health and Western Region Alcohol & Drug services, we offer an outreach service to people sleeping rough in Warrnambool and surrounding areas. The program can support individuals with an intake into the housing system, case management, assistance with emergency accommodation and a pathway into crisis accommodation and permanent housing.

Family Services

Child FIRST (Child and Family Information Referral and Support Team) is a community based intake service which aims to connect children, young people and their families to the services they need to protect and promote healthy development.

Family Services aims to provide an enhanced family support service to vulnerable families.

Adolescent Support Program (ASP) provides outreach youth support to 12–18 year olds and their families via early intervention, mediation and specific counselling aimed at family preservation and reunification.

Finding Solutions is an early intervention and diversionary program for families of young people 12–16 years of age at risk of being placed in out of home care.

Reconciliation and Mediation Program provides mediation and reconciliation to young people 15–25 years and their families to reduce the risk of homelessness.

Young Parents Program provides parental education and information, support, social networking, referral and access to the broader service system to young parents aged 15–25 years with multiple complex needs.

Foster Care looks after children and young people when a family needs support, in cases of family conflict or if there is a significant risk of harm or abuse in the family home. Placements are provided by volunteer caregivers who support this program.

Kinship Care supports children and young people between the ages of 0–17 who have been placed with extended family or family friends by Child Protection.

Kinship Information and Advice Service provides information about the most relevant community resources available to anyone involved in any way with Kinship care.

Family Violence Counselling provides counselling services to women and children who have experienced or are experiencing family violence.

Men's Behaviour Change Program is a counselling group work program delivered to men who want to change their controlling behaviours and become better men, partners and fathers.

Men and Family Relationships Program delivers counselling, skills training, support, information and referral, and a range of conflict resolution services to men and their families.

Men's Case Management

The men's case management program offers individual support for men aged 18 years and over who want to end their abusive behaviour in relationships and are finding this difficult.

These difficulties may be related to:

- Mental health problems
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Housing and homelessness
- Legal and financial matters
- Health and wellbeing

SouthWest Victoria NILS program

The No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS®) provides interest-free loans for individuals or families on low income. It's a community-based program that enables people to access fair, safe and equitable credit for the purchase of goods and services. The service has sites located in Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton and Casterton.



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