



Our Programs



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY & WELLBEING

All children and young people have the right to feel safe and be safe. That's why Brophy maintains and continually improves the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people in everything we do.

Brophy values the safety of all children and young people and has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse or harm.

We always listen to and ensure the participation and empowerment of all children and young people.

Brophy has systems to protect children and young people from abuse and harm. All allegations and safety concerns are treated seriously. We work to prevent child abuse and harm stemming from any kind of discrimination.

The cultural safety of First Nations children and young people is important to us. We want to maintain a safe environment so the diverse and unique identities of First Nations children and young people are respected and valued.

Brophy is determined to make sure the diverse and unique needs of all children and young people are heard. We build inclusivity of children and young people who are part of our LGBTIQ+ community.

We enable children and young people with disability to be empowered.

To all children and young people - you're seen and heard. Brophy is with you.



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About Brophy

Our Purpose

We want to build advantage in our community, create meaningful connections and encourage the skills, talents and dreams that exist in every person for them to create the life they want.

We actively value and promote 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 LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex, queer, plus other sexual minority identities)

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

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 Profile

Brophy is a quality accredited Child Safe, not-for-profit organisation, with a community based Board of Directors.

We are a multi – site organisation, with sites based in Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton and Colac and provide outreach services throughout the region.

Our Values



Social Justice
Promoting justice, fairness and human rights



Responsiveness
Responding in a timely, engaging and respectful manner



Professionalism
Practising in an ethical, respectful and inclusive manner



Partnership
Striving for shared connections to create better client outcomes



Empowerment
Strengthening and enabling individual and community decision making

For Children

Foster Care

Foster Carers are volunteers who provide a safe and supportive living environment for children and young people who need to live away from their families on a temporary or long-term basis.

Children and young people who need foster care range from newborns to people up to 18 years of age and may come into care as an individual or with their siblings.

Brophy supports Foster Carers across the south-west – in Warrnambool, Hamilton, Portland and everywhere in between – to help our kids stay connected to their schools, hobbies and communities.

Our Foster Carers come from different cultural backgrounds and have different strengths, experiences, needs and personalities. Foster caring can be full-time or part-time. Even caring for a child one weekend a month can make an enormous difference in a child's life.

Contact Brophy if you are interested in becoming a Foster Carer (1300BROPHY).

Kinship Care

Kinship Carers are close relatives or family friends who provide full-time care for children when their birth parent is unable to.

At Brophy we provide Kinship Carers with one-on-one support, to help nurture the children in their care.

Brophy provides Kinship Carer support groups, training, crisis support and referral pathways.

Residential Care

Our Residential Care Service provides support for young people aged between 13 and 18 years old with a place to live and 24-hour in-home carer support when they are unable to live with family, Kinship Carers or Foster Carers. Young people are placed in residential care by Child Protection. The Brophy team manages the day-to-day running of the home to ensure a positive and safe environment for the young people in our care.

Our approach helps children and young people heal from trauma by creating a home where they can start to feel safe and continue their growth and development with nurturing and trusted adults.



For Young People

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.

DARE Program

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 among young people.

headspace

Early intervention service which offers free, confidential, youth-friendly services for young people aged 12-25:

- Mental health or counselling support
- Sexual & reproductive health clinic
- Drug and alcohol support counselling
- Work and study support



SAFE in the South West

Projects and activities to:

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

YUMCHA Group

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

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.

Foyer Warrnambool

A safe and affordable supported accommodation campus for young adults at risk of homelessness to assist with transitioning to stable living arrangements and secure employment or training.

Youth Justice Community Support

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

Leaving Care Program

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

AgFutures

AgFutures is testing a sustainable entry-level pathway that will enable up to 50 unemployed young people to develop the technical and transferable skills needed to secure food and fibre jobs.

STOKED Surf Therapy

A surf therapy program for people aged 14 to 25. It aims to teach surfing as a coping strategy for mental health, connect young people to community, deliver education on mental health and wellbeing and provide exposure to the healing powers of the ocean.

Better Futures

Better Futures aims to support young people with care experience from 15 years and 9 months until the age of 21. Better Futures can support:

- Exploring education and employment opportunities
- Building on independent living skills
- Exploring Housing options
- Creating community connections
- Health & Wellbeing

Youth Entry Point

Brophy's Youth Entry Point provides support for young people seeking support from Brophy.

Youth specific programs available to be accessed here include Youth Homelessness and Adolescent Support.

YouThrive

YouThrive works with young people aged 16-24 with an NDIS plan around their dreams and aspirations - mainly in relation to employment pathways, but very much working more holistically in relation to developing independence with young people.



For Families

FAMILY SERVICES

Who's in Charge

An 8-week group program, currently delivered online via Zoom, for parents or caregivers of young people (8 to 18 years). There can be flexibility to deliver aspects of the program to the parents one on one and provide support with home activities.

Targeted Care Packages

Intensive independently tailored service delivery agreements with DFFH. Targeted care packages are used to support children and young people to transition from residential care into an alternative living arrangement that better meets their needs, as well as to prevent entry into residential care.

Integrated Family Services

Our child and family-centred services are focused on health, safety, stability, development, learning and wellbeing for children, young people and families.

Working with families to develop strategies, routines and supports to improve outcomes and the safety, stability and wellbeing of their children.

Adolescent Support Program

We support young people aged 12-17 years who are involved with Child Protection and displaying risk taking or unsafe behaviours, that parents may be experiencing difficulty managing.

Our services include early intervention, family mediation and specific counselling that is aimed at keeping families together.

Finding Solutions Program

For young people aged 12-16 years who are experiencing conflict and difficulties at home, we can provide support to prevent family breakdown.

We work with young people and their families in one-on-one and family group counselling and mediation.

Family Preservation and Reunification

This program aims to keep families together or reunify them if children have been in care. Brophy works to provide support to promote strong families through sustained support and referral or transition to other services based on the needs of the family and young people.

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Men's Family and Relationships Program

Men's Family and Relationships Program (MFR) is a counselling support service for men seeking more positive relationships with their families, especially through times of change, challenge, or crisis.

HEART

Formerly the South West Family Violence Partnership Program (SWFVPP), HEART provides a therapeutic support service to adults and children in their recovery from family violence. This service can be accessed by calling SW CASA on (03) 5564 4144.

Mens Case Management

Men's Case Management is an individual case management program for men who have used family violence. Sessions are focussed on supporting men through the journey of change to end their use of violence, on reaching their individual goals (which promote family safety), and on addressing their barriers to participating in the Men's Behaviour Change Program.

Family Safe Contact

Family Safety contact is an integral part of men's family violence programs to promote safety and provide support and referrals for those affected by men's use of violence.



Post Participation Program

Offered to all men who complete Men's Behaviour Change Program to provide additional support and continued contact to strengthen his learnings from the group program referrals for those affected by men's use of violence.

Mens Behaviour Change Program

The MBCP is a 21-session program for adult men who use or have used family violence. This program aims to encourage men to take responsibility for their use of family violence.

It also provides an opportunity for men to explore and reflect on their attitudes and beliefs that may influence their use of violence and increase understanding of the impact of their use of family violence and to make changes towards developing safe and respectful relationships.

Orange Door

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need assistance with the care and wellbeing of children.

The Orange Door can be accessed by:

p 1800 271 180

e southwest@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

In person

571-575 Raglan Parade, Warrnambool
9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
(closed public holidays)

**Referrals are received through
The Orange Door (1800 271 180)
to the following services:**

- **Men's Behaviour Change Program**
- **ARISE (Adolescent Relationships Integrating Safety and Empathy)**
- **Men's Case Management**
- **Integrated Family Services**

Family Violence Counselling & Support (Women & Children)

This program provides information, advice, counselling, referrals, and support for women and children who are impacted by family violence.

ARISE (Adolescent Relationships Integrating Safety and Empathy)

Australian Childhood Foundation and Brophy are working together to support young people who have used family violence in the home and need support to develop safe and healthy relationships.

ARISE is a free and inclusive program. We work with young people aged 12 to 17 years and their families living in the Wimmera South West.



For Adults

HOUSING SUPPORT

Community Reconnections

The Community Reconnections Program works with people over 25 who are in receipt of a full payment benefit from Centrelink and experiencing homelessness or at housing risk. It aims to link them to services necessary to assist their needs.

This program is intended to provide short term support for people who require assistance to link into more long-term services such as health services, housing services and community support services.

Short term support may include referral to appropriate services, providing immediate practical support and work with the client to support and foster a solution focus approach to resolving issues.

Rough Sleeping Program

The Rough Sleeping program focuses on outreach support for people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of recurring homelessness in the Warrnambool City Council area.

This program allows us to work with you, in the community, to receive support

with intake and referral pathways into the housing system. We can assist you to access supports and programs that can help you work towards stable housing.

We provide support to connect you with GPs for physical health support, housing services, alcohol and other drug support services, mental health support services.

Support may include providing immediate material aid, support to create goals and find solutions to homelessness issues and access to emergency accommodation and support to access permanent housing.

Tenancy Plus

Assists social and public housing tenants to establish and sustain their tenancy to reduce the risk of homelessness.

This voluntary program focuses on providing you with support on issues that may place your tenancy at risk and by assisting you to ensure that your tenancy is sustainable and enjoyable.

This may include advocating for you at VCAT. We also encourage you to be active in helping to achieve identified goals. Tenancy Plus provides services to the Warrnambool City and Shires of Moyne, Corangamite, Glenelg and Southern Grampians.

SAVVI – Supporting Connections

The Supporting Connections team work directly with staff and residents living in eligible SRS's to promote and support better access to social, health and community services.

It includes one to one outreach support, group outings and proprietor capacity building.

SAVVI aims to create a stronger foundation for pension-level supported residential services (SRS's) to improve their sustainability and capacity to meet the support needs of residents.

Friday Feed

Friday Feed is on each Friday from 11am to 1pm at the Brophy CYC Cafe. We supply free meals for people experiencing homelessness, food shortage and in need of food relief.

Join us at 210 Timor Street at the Brophy CYC Cafe for a meal, a chat and a laugh. The public are also welcome to purchase a barista made coffee to support our project.





For Community

South West NILS

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

TAC L2P

The TAC L2P Program matches learners from 16 to 21 years old with a fully-licensed volunteer driver (Driver Mentor) and practice vehicle to help them gain driving experience.

Warrnambool Moyne Community Investment Committee

The Community Investment Committee (CIC) is a local collaborative group bringing together key stakeholders to create and strengthen pathways that intentionally support young people into meaningful jobs, now and into the future.





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