

WHO ARE WE?

Community First Step was founded more than 40 years ago. In 1973 a group of local residents formed what was then known as the Fairfield Community Council for Social Development – a forum for community development and action on social issues.

Over the 30 years that followed the group developed its services and projects and, after a few name changes, in 2007 'Community First Step' was born.

Today, Community First Step is a growing organisation that encompasses Children, Youth and Family Services in the form of Case Work, Community Development, Disability Services and Childrens Services. We now employ over 80 staff as well as working with regular volunteers.

Our vision for the future is to work in partnership with the community, business and government, to strive for excellence in meeting the holistic needs of our clients through the provision of high quality supportive, recreational, cultural, sporting and welfare programs.



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DISABILITY SERVICES

Day Program

Our Day Program is focused around centre-based, group activities that encourage individual participation and choice while also having person-centred support.

Community Access

Community Access service supports and assists client's engagement with the community and everyday activities:

- Attending appointments (medical and other)
- Shopping trips
- Recreational activities
- Social opportunities and events
- Activities that enable an individual to develop individual skills and competencies.

Supported Independent Living

Supported independent Living is a paid personal support to help you live independently with the supervision of daily task activities and help building interpersonal skills.

Support Coordination

Support Coordination is a way to connect participants with an NDIS plan, support and services within their local community.

Respite Services

Respite services allow carers to take a break from their role and offers clients with temporary stay for a limited period of time. Our Supported Independent Living (SIL) houses may also provide temporary, specialized and respite accommodation services.

CHILDREN SERVICES

Before and After School Care

From Kindergarten to Year 6 students, we provide transport to and from school and a safe place for your child that continue their education beyond school hours both at the start and the end of the school day.

Vacation Care

We provide a safe place where your child can come during school holidays, participate in fun activities and hang out with their friends. Your child will also have the opportunity to attend incursions and excursions.

Occasional Care

From Age 6 weeks to 5 years old, The Parks Occasional Care is a flexible service which provides high quality child care on a permanent and casual basis from as little as three hours to a full 8 hour day.

Supported & Multicultural Playgroups

Each week during the school term, CFS playgroups provide a place for parents, carers, and children to develop friendships and a place to belong in their community. Playgroups runs everyday at multiple locations.

Roving Childcare

Mobile Early Childhood Educators who are equipped with resources to provide education and care for children at the venue of not for profit community groups and organisations. It enables parents & carers to access soft entry point support programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Case Management

We assist and support families through case management, one-on-one support to families with children 0-12 years old and youth 12- 18 years old:

- Home Visits and Informal Counselling
- Advice and Referrals

Hub Support

Our multilingual team supports the local community with activities and programs that support their needs and improve their interpersonal skills. One - on - one hub support , hub activities include:

- Form Filing and Service Referrals
- Employment Support
- Emergency Relief and Food Hampers

Youth Services

Our Youth team offers ensure every young person gets to be heard, supported, advocated with range of programs, recreational and education activities:

- Youth Drop-In
- Specialised supports groups and programs
- Various programs in schools

Emergency Relief Support

Our Emergency Relief Support targets Asylum seekers and Temporary visa holders who have been impacted by COVID-19 and are not receiving any support from the Commonwealth Government by providing emergency relief essentials, medical supports, and essential housing supports.

Communities for Children Programs

Our Big Steps and New Steps programs targets families, children, and aims to promote early childhood learning by building capacity for school readiness, creating opportunities to develop community engagement and social skills through sporting activities. It aims to build resilience in children and parents to overcome disadvantage and better cope with life transitions. We offer:

- Big Schools, Big Minds
- I Can Do This Parenting Program
- Get Stronger Get Smarter
- Direct Support, Social Inclusion, and Parenting Programs