Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare

Election priorities for Victoria's children and families

Every child deserves to be safe, heard and connected to their culture, family and community, yet too many children, young people and families across Victoria are being let down by systems that are under pressure and unable to meet growing need.

The Centre stands alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, supporting Aboriginal-led approaches, Treaty, the truth-telling and healing journey advanced through Yoorrook, and the leadership of Gellung Warl, VACCA and the Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance.

We call on all parties and candidates to commit to the following priorities:



Foster and Kinship Care

Increase foster care and kinship care allowances to fully cover the true costs of caring for a child and invest in the supports carers need to provide safe, stable and nurturing homes for the children they care for.



Children with Disability

Invest in a well-integrated disability support system which intersects more effectively with the NDIS system and enables every child with a disability to access the services they need to thrive.



Youth Justice

Provide every young person in the youth justice system with tailored, evidence-informed support to address their specific educational, health, emotional and psychological needs, and set them up for successful reintegration into the community.



Therapeutic Services for Children

Urgently expand access to specialist therapeutic services and early intervention for children and young people who have experienced any form of maltreatment including physical, sexual, emotional abuse, neglect and family violence.



Secure Housing

Rapidly expand social and affordable housing stock to ensure children, young people, care leavers and families experiencing disadvantage have access to safe, secure and stable housing.



Sector Funding Stability

Commit to and implement a minimum five-year funding agreements for family services to provide certainty, strengthen workforce stability and improve outcomes for children and families.

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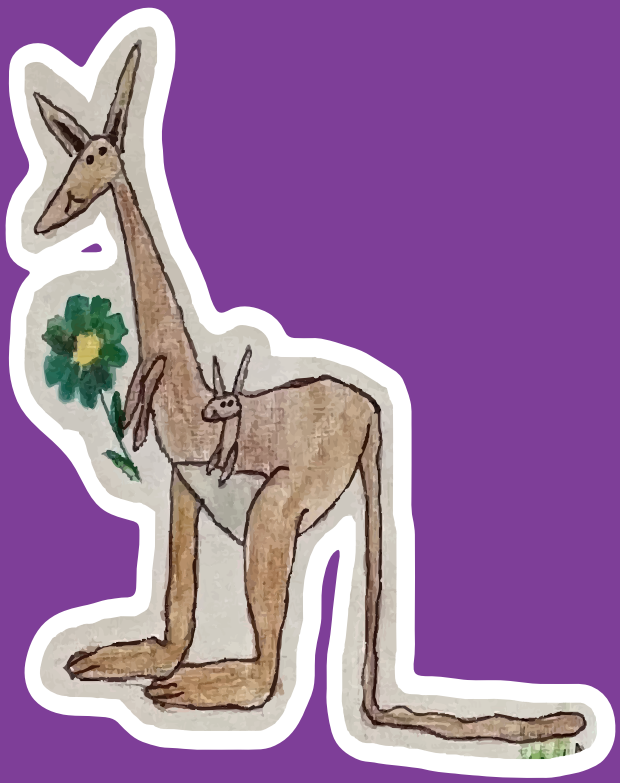
About us

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare is the peak body for child and family services in Tasmania and Victoria. For over 100 years, the Centre has advocated for the rights and wellbeing of children, young people and families in Victoria, ensuring their right to be heard, to be safe, to access education and to remain connected to family, community and culture.

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See a detailed summary of our 2026 Victorian state election asks at **cfecfw.org.au/election2026**



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