MARTINTHI

Aboriginal Kinship Care Service

'Martinthi' means to embrace, to clasp, to hold

Carers hold children through difficult life circumstances, embracing the challenges and rewards that come with it.

WHAT IS KINSHIP CARE?

Kinship care refers to the placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people with relatives or with a person from the child's community.

A kinship carer may be directly related to the child by blood, marriage or according to Aboriginal culture and kinship structures.

Kinship placements occur as a result of a child protection intervention.

THE MARTINTHI KINSHIP CARE SERVICE

This service aims to support Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal kinship carers to provide the best possible care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in care.

Referrals are received directly from the Department for Child protection (DCP), however, if you are an approved kinship carer you can request an agency transfer to Martinthi from your current kinship support provider.

We are committed to providing a culturally safe service to Aboriginal children, young people, carers and their families through prioritising children's connection to family, kin, culture, country and community.

We serve Adelaide metropolitan, Yorke Peninsula and Mid-north

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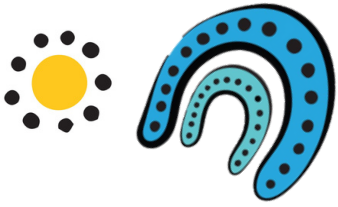
SERVICES PROVIDED



- Kinship Carer Assessments
- An allocated Kinship Care Support Worker
- Advocacy
- Training opportunities in both Aboriginal Culture and Therapeutic Care for children who have experienced trauma
- Assessment within carer's family/kin network to become respite kinship carers
- After hours on-call phone services
- Assistance to access services and other support groups
- Social events with other carers and children

YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a kinship carer you have the right to be;

- informed about the child or young person in your care as well as your role, responsibilities and entitlements as a carer
- supported, consulted, valued and respected by your kinship support agency and the Department of Child protection

As a kinship carer your responsibilities are;

- to provide safe, nurturing and responsive care to children and young people
- work with your kinship agency and the Department of Child Protection
- to support children and young people to remain connected to family, kin, culture and community
- provide support children and young people to be healthy and well to ensure they grow and thrive
- be open to learning opportunities to ensure the specific care needs of the children and young people in your care are met

For more information about your rights and responsibilities, speak to your Kinship Care Support Worker, refer to your handbook, or search the Department for Child Protection: www.childprotection.sa.gov.au

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