



# VACCA

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## Where to go for further information

For information on the Aboriginal Family Preservation and Reunification Response, visit [vacca.org/FPR](http://vacca.org/FPR) or contact (03) 9287 8800 or [vacca@vacca.org](mailto:vacca@vacca.org)

For support after hours in a crisis situation, call 1800 570 602 between 5pm and 9am.

## THE ABORIGINAL FAMILY PRESERVATION AND REUNIFICATION RESPONSE

(AFPR Response)

*'Strong families - with children who are safe, healthy, resilient and thriving; and parents who are supported to create a safe and nurturing home environment.'*

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The AFPR Response is an intensive program that provides support to Aboriginal families with children who are at risk of entering out of home care or have recently entered care in the last three months.

The AFPR Response is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and is being delivered by VACCA to Aboriginal families in the following areas:

- Southern Melbourne (from our office in Dandenong)
- Bayside Peninsula (from our office in Frankston)
- Western Melbourne (from our office in Werribee)
- Brimbank Melton (from our office in Melton)
- Inner Eastern Melbourne and Outer Eastern Melbourne (from our office in Chirnside Park)
- Ovens Murray (from our offices in Wangaratta and Wodonga)
- Inner Gippsland (from our office in Morwell)

With a strong focus on Aboriginal practice approaches, VACCA's practitioners help families to identify their own goals while walking alongside them to achieve these goals.

### What support does the AFPR Response provide?

Working with a VACCA experienced practitioner, families will be provided with:

- Intensive support, which includes in-home support that will gradually ease off
- A practice approach that understands the importance of culture in protecting and strengthening Aboriginal families
- Support to identify and address key risks
- Connection to other services and supports if needed
- Access to the VACCA Family Services After-Hours, phone-based service for crisis situations
- Flexible funding packages for:
  - Immediate material aid support such as rent, emergency accommodation or transportation
  - Secondary services such as health, counselling or drug and alcohol services
  - Participation in cultural or community activities including camps and children's events

### Who can access the AFPR Response?

The Response is focusing on families with children in the following cohorts that are at risk of entering care or have recently entered care:

- Women who are pregnant and subject to an unborn report
- Children from birth to five years of age and
- Children and young people aged 10 to 15 years of age

### What outcomes does the AFPR Response hope to achieve for Aboriginal families?

The AFPR Response aims to keep Aboriginal children with their families and reunify children who have been placed in care in the last three months with their families. It will support families to draw on their strengths, identify risks and seek the assistance they need to be safe and strong.

