



Referrals

Families are welcome to attend our free sessions without making contact first.

Referrals or connections by other service providers are also encouraged.

All activities provided by the Family Connections Program are free.



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Family Connections Program

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A Child Safe Organisation
Centacare has an ongoing commitment to building and maintaining a Child Safe Organisation.



Centacare welcomes people who are intersex, gender diverse and of all sexualities.



Statement regarding the traditional owners of the land

For thousands of years Aboriginal people have walked on this land, in their country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Aboriginal people and their stewardship and spiritual connection with their lands.



Centacare is nationally accredited against the Quality Improvement Council (QIC), Australian Health and Community Services Standards.





Family Connections Program (FCP)

The Family Connections Program is a community-based mobile resource service for families with children aged 0-12.

Where the service operates:

The service provides early intervention activities to families living in Mount Gambier, Millicent, Penola and the Wattle Range Council area.

The service aims to:

- Improve the wellbeing of families, children and young people
- Enhance family and community functioning
- Increase the participation of vulnerable families in their community

The FCP team supports families by:

- Facilitating playgroups that offer safe and welcoming spaces for families and children
- Providing activity-based parenting support and educational experiences, focusing on the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of children
- Connecting with families and creating a safe and supportive environment for families to connect with other families
- Providing information and connection to community services, including referral and advocacy

Playgroup

Playgroups are provided weekly, during school terms, in various easy to access locations.

The team provides a free facilitated play-and-learn environment, that encourages children and their parents and/or caregivers to engage in child and family-focused play and chat sessions.

Toy Library

A free Mobile Toy Library is delivered following playgroups on a fortnightly basis during school terms. Families are welcome to borrow a variety of toys and play equipment to enjoy together at home.

Parenting Programs

The Family Connections Program offers parenting education and attachment-based group programs each term. Speak to the FCP team or phone for details.