

This resource can help you find a range of services in south eastern Melbourne that can support the Aboriginal child or young person in your care. These services help Aboriginal children and young people in 'out of home' care as a priority. This resource provides a short summary and contact details for each of these services

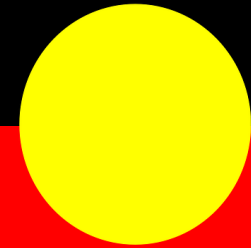


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Southern Melbourne Child and Youth Area Partnership



Aboriginal Children / Youth Health Services Resource



Service	Description	Address	Phone
Aboriginal Best Start Project	The Aboriginal best Start Project name is 'Tartu-Nganyin Bopop' which means 'we are caring for children'. By working together, local services help Aboriginal children (0 to 8years) be happy, healthy and ready for school. Benefits include: making it easier for Aboriginal children and their families to get into early childhood services, running Koori playgroup, running back to school day events, running family events throughout the year, helping families to get funding for kindergarten and running programs to help children with language.	The Aboriginal Best Start Project is run by Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Limited (DDACL). 3 Carroll Av, Dandenong It goes across the City of Casey and City of Greater Dandenong	To find out more, call the Aboriginal Best Start Community Facilitator on (03) 9794 5933
Aboriginal Family Services	Aboriginal Family Services aims to support Aboriginal families be strong, and to keep children safe and well. Benefits include: services that focus on the culture, needs and goals of children and families, and easing the pressure of parenthood through tips and assistance. These services are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families in the Dandenong and South Metropolitan Region.	Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Ltd. (DDACL): 3 Carroll Ave, Dandenong and home visits in the Southern Metropolitan Region	For more information, please contact Family Services at the Cooperative on (03) 9794 5933
Healthy Koori Kids Program	The Healthy Koori Kids Program is a free service for Aboriginal children aged 0 to 18 who are at risk of going into, or have gone into 'out of home' care. This program works with children to find out what health services they need. It helps to get children into health services, and make sure those services are working together for the child . Healthy Koori Kids focuses on assisting Aboriginal children for: speech delay, under-immunisation, behaviour issues, hearing issues, visual issues and dental health. Referrals are required and are accepted from Child Protection, foster care and other agencies. For referral information or enquires please contact the Healthy Koori Kids Care Coordinators.	Monash Health Community: 122 Thomas St, Dandenong	Healthy Koori Kids Care Coordinator (03) 9792 7947
Koori Maternity Services	The Koori Maternity Services aim to care for both mother and Boorai in a way that meets their cultural and health needs. Services are free, confidential and culturally sensitive. Benefits include: Aboriginal Health Worker and Midwife, individual care and support, ongoing care for mother and Boorai and referrals to other health services and cultural support programs. The service is for Aboriginal mums or non-Aboriginal mums with an Aboriginal Boorai.	The Koori Maternity Services are run by Dandenong and DDACL: 3 Carroll Ave, Dandenong And home visits in the Southern Metropolitan Region	For more information please contact Koori Maternity Services at the Cooperative on (03) 9794 5933
Optometry (Australian College of Optometry)	This service offers eye checks and glasses at low cost. The Australian College of Optometry runs this service at Bunurong each month. Glasses start from \$10 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children. To make an appointment call Bunurong, or email or fax a referral form. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children under 18 years of age are prioritized under the Victorian Eyecare Scheme (VES). A referral is not strictly required but is preferred. This can be completed by anyone including the young person's GP, Maternal and Child Health Nurse or Teacher.	Bunurong Health Services 3 Carroll Ave, Dandenong	For further information and appointments. Phone: (03) 9794 5933 Referral form available from www.aco.org.au
Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)	VACCA's Early Intervention and Family Services team work with families to promote family well being, participation in the broader community and support increased access to other services. Childhood and parenting programs include: Supported Playgroup, Indigenous Parenting Support Service, Aboriginal Stronger Families, Cradle to Kinder, Integrated Family Service, Koori Youth Leaders in Action Program, Windook Dad's Group and Homework Club.	Level 2, 26 McCrae St, Dandenong	Phone: (03) 9701 4200