

Multicultural Programs

Settlement Grant Program - Belmont

The Gowrie provides a range of services to new migrants, refugees and humanitarian entrants to assist with settling into a new country and community. The services provided may include:

- Information about schools, childcare or work
- Assistance with understanding government departments and your entitlement to benefits
- Contacting other services that are available that may be of assistance to you
- Providing groups that offer the opportunity to establish new friendships in your community.

Group Activities the Settlement Grants Program provides include:

- Sewing skills development
- Multicultural events/occasions to share stories
- Information sessions on various topics as required

Youth Settlement Grant Program

The Youth Settlement Grants Program offers individual support to refugee young people. This may include support to:

- Deal with Centrelink
- Look for housing
- Search for a job or gain work experience
- Access education and training opportunities
- Build strong family relationships and make community links
- Develop life-skills AND MORE

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Multicultural Supported Playgroups

Supporting migrant and refugee families with children 0-5 years of age through play and learning experiences, parenting information and activities and links with other children's services.

Gosnells

When: School terms

Times: 10:00 - 12:00
Mondays & Wednesdays

Venue: Gosnells Community Lotteries House
2232 Albany Highway
Gosnells WA 6110

Carlisle

When: School terms

Times: 10:00 - 12:00
Thursday Mornings

Venue: Carlisle Primary School, Room 21
Cnr Orrong Road & Wright Street
Kewdale WA 6105

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A Leader in Community Services

Financial Counselling

This service is provided free to residents living in the City of Belmont. This service provides clients an opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and confidence to take control of their own financial situation. The Financial Counsellor can provide information and assist with:

- Personal budgets and strategies for change
- Negotiation with creditors / Debt recovery
- Assessing for entitlements
- Housing issues
- Applications for No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)
- Community Education

Emergency Relief

Emergency Relief is available to City of Belmont residents on Mondays and Thursday mornings between 9:30 and 11:30am (by appointment on the day - current Health/Pension card is required). Emergency Relief is provided to help individuals and families deal with immediate financial crisis, including basic needs such as:

- Food
- Utility Bills
- Rental assistance
- Education costs

Emergency Relief funds are provided by the Department of Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) and Lotterywest.

Aboriginal Family Support

This program provides practical assistance to Indigenous people and families in the community to help improve quality of life and yarn with others in the local community.

The worker meets with local service providers including Aboriginal elders and community leaders to discuss local issues affecting the indigenous community and implements strategies to address these issues with the community.

This program creates a sustainable local indigenous network that will determine and drive future projects which are culturally appropriate and decided by feedback from the members.

Some of the programs include:

- Financial counselling
- Food cents in association with the Red Cross
- Various Art and Craft sessions
- Networking opportunities for Indigenous Women



Family Support

In addition to one-on-one counselling we provide assistance for couples, families and groups. Counselling can provide support with:

- Relationship problems
- Eating disorders
- Parenting
- Grief and Loss
- Stress management
- Self esteem
- Anger management

An example of group support is the Mind Body Life Healthy Living program which is an 8 week program covering issues such as; Self esteem, Relationships, Nutrition plus much more.

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Community Relations Integration Project

This project works with Community and Government youth service providers to identify and address service gaps and access barriers for young people (between the ages of 12 -25) from new and emerging communities (NEC's) in the City of Canning and City of Gosnells areas.

The project facilitating links between Community Services and the youth and also builds awareness of barriers experienced by refugee youth in accessing mainstream services.

The Community Relations Integration Project supports youth living in the City of Gosnells & the City of Canning and is funded by the Office of Multicultural Interests.