**UTOPIA REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER HEALTH**

Utopia is a refugee and asylum seeker health service providing primary care (GP services) at no cost to refugees and asylum seekers regardless of their Medicare status.

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Utopia is a non-government organisation, established by people who believe in health as a human right, and that refugees and asylum seeker like peoples require services tailored to their needs.

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Utopia has experience in refugee health, and services are specialised for the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. Onsite treatment is offered, for various conditions that mainstream GPs would be unable to provide. Patients can access treatment close to their homes and avoid the costs and inconvenience of specialist visits for many conditions.

***Located in Hoppers Crossing and services offered are:***

* Refugee Health assessments
* Assistance with Centrelink forms
* Women’s Health
* Paediatric Clinic (Werribee Mercy Hospital Outreach Service) – open to all refugee & asylum seeker children. No Medicare card is required.
* Psychology
* General Practice *(not taking new patients at present)* as of 09/01/24.
* Maternal Child Health Nurse (from Wyndham City Council)- attends every Monday.
* Immunisations/Catch up.

**5 Alexandra Ave, Hoppers Crossing**

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**MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUPS in WYNDHAM**

**Supported by VICSEG New Futures and Wyndham City**

Culturally diverse playgroups for parents and young children are an important part of Australia’s early childhood services system. VICSEG playgroups actively support hundreds of families throughout the northern and western suburbs of Melbourne. Run in local schools and community centres, our playgroups support children’s bilingual language development and provide early learning experiences that promote positive pathways to kindergarten and primary school.

Parents also benefit from social support and friendship, as well as practical information about health, nutrition and child wellbeing. All our playgroups are free and facilitated by trained and experienced bilingual playgroup leaders.

**Examples of some of the Playgroups which may be available in the community**:

Karen/Burmese

Chin/Burmese

Horn of Africa Women and Children’s Playgroup

Indian

Korean

Russian

Chinese/Mandarin

South Sudanese

Muslim

Ukrainian

For more information about the playgroups, please see the attached document with contact details.

**FKA CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

**WHO IS fkaCS?**

fkaCS’ vision is for all children to actively participate in quality education and care services that recognise, value, and embed difference and diversity.

fkaCS support is directly aligned with the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF) and the National Quality Standards and is underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

fkaCS programs of support cover:

* WHY it is important to think about cultural inclusion (including the relationship to the VEYLDF).
* WHAT needs to happen to provide and demonstrate culturally inclusive practice; and
* HOW to implement changes in practice, reduce barriers to participation and celebrate our diverse community.

fkaCS can support early childhood professionals in a variety of ways:

1. Cultural Inclusion Support
2. Professional learning
3. Consultancy
4. Community Language Support Workers
5. Multicultural Resource Centre

Please download the attached document for more information.