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|  | **FKA CHILDREN’S SERVICES** |

**WHAT IS FKA?**

FKA Children's Services has a long history of achievement in the provision of Early Childhood Services. FKA Children’s Services is a state-wide service that advocates for children’s cultural and linguistic rights and provides support to education and care services in the provisions of culturally rich environments.

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

1. Professional learning
2. Multicultural Resource Centre
3. A helpful website that includes:
	1. Translated information to download for families
	2. Information Sheets for educators on specific cultures
4. Cultural Inclusion Support Program
5. **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

Customised sessions are designed in collaboration with you and are delivered onsite or in a venue organized by you:

* Informed by the National Quality Framework
* Based on contemporary practice and pedagogy
* Underpinned by the UN Rights of the Child
1. **MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTRE**

Members of FKA are able to borrow:

* Multilingual children’s fiction and non-fiction books
* Story bags
* Games and puzzles
* Musical instruments
* Dramatic play resources
* Dolls
* Professional resources

Resources can be collected from FKA in Collingwood, or mailed out to services

1. **WEBSITE INFORMATION**
* Translated information sheets on maintaining the home language, learning through play and settling in to early childhood services are available in approx. 22 different languages
* Educator information sheets on specific CALD cultures are also available
1. **CULTURAL INCLUSION SUPPORT**

Cultural Inclusion Support is offered in a number of ways to various services across Victoria:

1. Fee-for-service Inclusion Support
2. Australian Government Funded Children’s Services
3. Victorian Government Funded Children’s Services
4. Cultural Inclusion Support for Supported Playgroups

a. **FEE FOR SERVICE CULTURAL INCLUSION SUPPORT**

Contact an fkaCS Consultant via phone to discuss your support needs and request a quote. Support options include Cultural Inclusion Support Consultancy, Bilingual Worker visits to your service as well as phone support, targeted strategies and resources.

b. **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDED CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

Your service may be eligible for Australian Government funding towards the cost of Cultural Inclusion Support via the Inclusion Support Programme. **Contact the** [**Victorian Inclusion Agency**](http://www.viac.com.au/)**on 1800 177 017 to find out more.**

c. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDED CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) contracts fkaCS to provide The Victorian Kindergarten Cultural Inclusion Program to state funded Kindergartens.

The purpose of the program is to build the capacity of Victorian kindergartens to support the active participation of multilingual children and families in their early education.

Eligible Victoria Kindergartens can access a range of support including:

* Subsidised Professional Learning opportunities
* Individual short and long term cultural inclusion planning - reflecting on practice, embedding practice in everyday curriculum decision making
* Supporting and facilitating local solutions for bilingual (language) support
* Strategies to support English language learners
* Strategies to support individual children settle and participate in kindergarten
* Strategies to reduce any unintended barriers for multilingual children and families active participation in Kindergarten
* Onsite group facilitated conversation at existing networks or staff meetings
* Onsite language support

d. **CULTURAL INCLUSION SUPPORT FOR SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS**

For Playgroups who have received the Department of Education and Training one-off funding to include Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) families in Supported Playgroups, fkaCS can assist in playgroup engagement and outcomes.

**For more information on how to become a member of FKA or to access and find out more information on the programs above contact FKA**:

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