

# Glastonbury

Glastonbury Child & Family Services has a proud tradition of providing services to children and families.

The Agency was established in 1854 as a children's home.

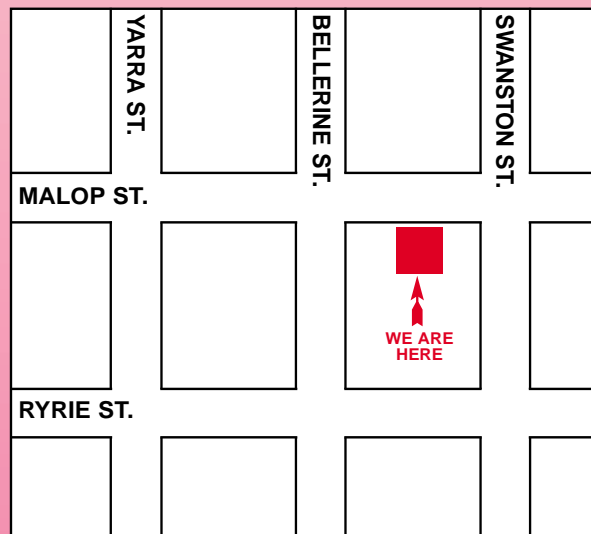
During Glastonbury's history the focus of its programs have changed and expanded in keeping with the changes in thinking and trends within the welfare field. The agency is a child safe agency.



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## Alternative Family Care





## What is Alternative Family Care?

The Alternative Family Care program provides a high standard of out of home care for children, including sibling groups, who are unable to live with their parents.

Referrals are made by the child protection service.

## Program Focus

The program focus is on family preservation principles and practices which attempts to maintain and strengthen the connections between the children, their parents and wider extended family networks if appropriate.

To focus on positives within a family and identify strengths.

## How Does it Work?

Care is provided through:

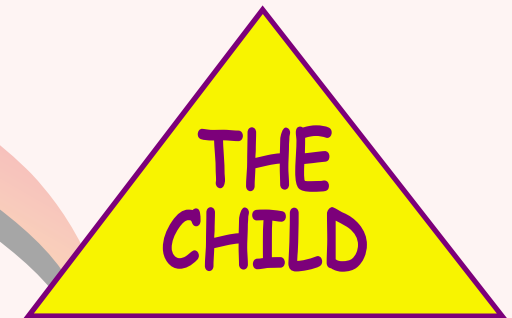
- **Family Group Homes**  
This is designed specifically for sibling groups who live in a Glastonbury house and are cared for by paid trained staff.
- **Home Based Care**  
This component offers a home environment provided by approved caregivers through Foster Care and Community Care. The carers are the placement volunteers, who have been trained, approved and are re-imbursed. The length of care can be short term or long term care.
- **Foster care**  
Is a service for children who cannot live with their birth families for a period of time and offers a home environment provided by approved care givers.
- **Community Care**  
Provides care for children with more complex needs.

Most of the cases are contracted from Protective Services at the Department of Human Services to the Alternative Family Care program. The AFC worker has case

management responsibilities for all the children they are supervising and is responsible for implementing the Case Plan which is the responsibility of Protective Services. The Case Manager has regular contact with the child and the parents.

## The Natural Family

(child's parents, child's siblings, extended family, neighbours)



## The Caregiver Family

(carer's parents, carer's siblings and extended family, neighbours, friends)

## The Agency

(social workers, other support workers, administrative staff, doctors, teachers, Human Services staff)

The program aims to develop a collaborative relationship between, the natural family, the caregiver, the Department of Human Services and the agency; working together for the benefit of the child.