About the Mount Gambier Children’s Centre

The Mount Gambier Children's Centre brings together education, care, health, community development activities and family services for families and their young children from birth to eight years of age.

The Mount Gambier Children's Centre helps parents and children get the support they need, when they need it, within their own community.

Other programs provided at the Mount Gambier Children's Centre include:

- Community Development Coordinator
- Preschool & Inclusive Preschool
- Parent education programs
- Playgroups
- Child Health checks

Some services may be offered outside of normal working hours as needed.

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Family Services

Parents and caregivers of children often face a range of issues and concerns. Issues for families can include:

- Relationship problems and breakdown
- Parenting strategies
- Child development issues
- Grief and loss
- Transitions through early childhood education settings
- Mandatory notification of child abuse and neglect
- Trauma and abuse
- Understanding the importance of caring for children to be safe, health and happy.

Family Services Coordinators are also a referral point for many other issues affecting families, such as domestic violence, housing, drug and alcohol problems, mental health and Family Law.

Family Services Coordinators provide:

- Individual and family counseling for caregivers to help with personal issues, feelings and behaviours
- Therapeutic counseling and group work for children aged 0 – 8
- Service Coordination – connecting families to the most appropriate services, provide follow up, advocacy and work in partnership with the family and other services
- Therapeutic group programs for caregivers with a focusing on parenting, relationships, social and emotional wellbeing, trauma and other identified areas
- Information about available services and supports

Family Services Coordinators:

- Build local networks and connect families with services and supports that will best meet their needs
- Work with families to increase their parenting capacity and early childhood skills and knowledge
- Encourage and support families to actively participate within their community
- Increase children and families’ access to a range of interconnected, high quality learning, health and support services
- Provide a flexible, responsive service
- Identify family strengths to help achieve identified goals
- Respond to specific needs identified within the local community