

Men's experiences of Child and Family Centres

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Men's Resources Tasmania (MRT) is a community based, not-for-profit organisation that supports and promotes the wellbeing of men and boys in Tasmania. We contribute a male voice to community conversations and public sector policy, particularly around social, health and wellbeing issues relevant to men and boys. We function primarily through volunteer involvement, with some support from member organisations. Find out more at www.mrtasmania.org

Child and Family Centres (CFC) provide a range of services in some communities across Tasmania. The Government is currently running a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Centres. Details on the Inquiry can be found at: <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council>

Men's Resources Tasmania wants to provide a male perspective on how men experience these services. We are seeking input from men others in the community to inform our perspective. We will focus our response on Criteria 3, 4 and 6 of the Terms of Reference, which state:

- (3) The role of Child and Family Centres in providing education and support to families and carers in their parenting role and participation in early learning programs.
- (4) The outcomes and broader impacts of Child and Family Centres to the communities which they are located in.
- (6) Any other matter.

MRT is gathering responses from the Tasmanian community and community/health sectors regarding the perspective of fathers or male carers of children who access CFC's.

We really appreciate you taking the time to give us your views. Thank You.

We'll start by asking a little about who you are and what perspective you are answering from.

1. What is your role or relationship to the child you, or your partner or client bring to the centre? (Please select one)

- Male Parent
- Female parent
- Male guardian (Grandparent or other)
- Female Guardian (Grandparent or other)
- Community Sector Worker
- I am a child under 18
- Other

2. Which Child and Family Centre do you, your partner or your client access most? (Please select one)

- Clarendon Vale
- Chigwell
- New Norfolk
- Beaconsfield
- Bridgewater
- Burne
- East Devonport
- St Helens
- Geeveston
- Ravenswood
- Queenstown
- I don't access a Child and Family Centre, however I do visit a Neighbourhood House.

3. Please share your ethnicity

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
 - Non-ATSI Australian
 - Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community member
 - Other (please specify)
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4. Tell us about your experience of Child and Family Centres during the last two years. 1 is low or unsatisfied 5 is high or very satisfied. (please provide a response whether it was you personally who used the centre, your partner or client)

1 2 3 4 5

I used the centre once (1) - through to used it five or more times (5).

The information and resources were useful for me as a man/father/male carer.

I felt welcomed by staff and volunteers at the centre

Programs and services were inclusive of me or my male partner or client

Please add any comments:

5. Were male workers or staff involved in the services you, your male partner or client used?

- yes
- no

Please add any comments:

6. If male staff were not present in the programs or services you used, were you, your partner or client offered support or opportunities to connect with male workers?

- yes
- no
- N/A

Please add any comments:

7. Please also share any particular feedback about the opportunities and challenges for children, in particular, boys, who use the centre?

8. Do you have any final comments about your experience of Child and Family Centres?

Thank you for giving us your time to complete this survey.

Please send your survey to us:

Mail: GPO Box 344, Hobart, TAS 7001
Scan and email: info@mrtasmania.org

We'll share a summary of responses on the MRT website once we report to the Parliamentary Committee on 16 March. We'd love to hear from you about other issues that concern you relating to male health and wellbeing. Visit us at www.mrtasmania.org or email us on info@mrtasmania.org. Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mensresource Tasmania/>

Thanks again.