

What is Family Preservation and Reunification Response?

Family & Community Services aims to support positive outcomes for families through a variety of responses. In Family Preservation and Reunification Response (FPRR), the Child & Family Practitioner works with parents on areas that may lead to, or have caused, their child to be placed in out-of-home care and help build parents ability to safely care for their children.

FPRR is a voluntary program, which mean clients can decide whether they want to engage or not. Your Child and Family Practitioner will work alongside you to identify goals while working in conjunction with Child Protection (CP), and other relevant services based on a family's needs.

Child & Family Practitioners will work with families by:

- Supporting to identify goals and creating a Family Action Plan. Areas of support could include:
 - Building the safety, stability, development and well-being of children and young people
 - Linking into Early Childhood services
 - Helping families to learn about childhood development.
 - Linking into alcohol and drug services, mental health supports and family violence services, and help parents understand the impacts of these on their child.
 - Supporting children to attend and keep attending kinder, school and childcare.
 - Supporting possible education and employment opportunities for parents
 - Helping with linking into disability support services (NDIS)
 - Supporting appropriate housing
 - Exploring ways to improve social connections.
 - Exploring was to increase financial stability.

To help parents/carers achieve their goals, practitioners will:

- Visit you two- three times per week (depending on your needs)
- Support with tasks necessary to achieve your goals.
- Work within a specific timeframe

- Regularly review and update your goals.
- Work with other relevant services that you're engaged with or would like to engage with
- Plan Care Team meetings so that that you can have discussions with all services involved with your family
- Communicate with Child Protection and other relevant services.