

Media Release – BCYF Accreditation

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Barwon region community service organisation BCYF achieves full accreditation

Barwon Child, Youth & Family (BCYF), has received a tick of approval against three sets of standards following an accreditation process conducted by Independent Review Body, Quality Innovation Performance (QIP), in March 2019.

BCYF, which is committed to achieving better outcomes for communities across Geelong, Colac and the Surf Coast, met all criteria across the three sets of standards – the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) Health and Community Services Standards, the Human Services Standards and the Early Childhood Intervention Standards.

As an independent not-for-profit community service organisation with over 160 years of service history to the Barwon region, BCYF addresses and supports the needs of the community through its six service platforms in Early Years, Family & Community, Youth, Alcohol and Other Drugs & Mental Health, Out-of-Home Care and headspace Geelong.

BCYF CEO Mr Sandy Morrison said that achieving a successful accreditation outcome through an independent body such as QIP was a recognition and validation of the organisation’s clear commitment and approach to serving the wider Barwon region community through its diverse array of services.

“Achieving this positive accreditation outcome means that BCYF, together with its partners, can continue to respond with meaning and purpose to the needs of children, young people and their families in line with our vision of a community where people are safe, connected and empowered to live well,” Mr Morrison said.

The successful accreditation outcome against all three sets of standards now complements the full accreditation of three of the kindergartens managed by BCYF - Belmont Community Kindergarten, Flinders Kindergarten (Lara) and St Albans Park Kindergarten – all having been assessed and rated by the Department of Education and Training’s Quality Assessment and Regulation Division over the past 12 months.

“Each kindergarten audited achieved a rating of ‘EXCEEDING’ for all seven (7) National Quality Standards, an outstanding achievement,” Mr Morrison said.

“Parents and families can be confident that their children are accessing a high quality early childhood education and care service with experienced, friendly staff who are passionate about their children’s early education and development” Mr Morrison added.

To find out more about BCYF services or to enrol a child in one of BCYF’s kindergartens visit the BCYF website at bcyf.org.au

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