

**To access
Bicultural Support
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Support Agency in the
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North Tasmania

Migrant Resource Centre
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Launceston 7205
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North West

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Burnie 7320
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South East

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**Bicultural
Support Program**



Time limited specialist support to assist services to build their capacity to include children from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD), Refugee and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children

Bicultural Support is a free service for eligible child care services.

The Bicultural Support Program is funded under the Australian Governments Inclusion and Professional Support Program (IPSP).

The Program is managed and delivered through PSCTasmania (sponsored by Lady Gowrie Tasmania).



SUPPORT CAN INCLUDE:

Facilitating communication between eligible education and care services and families:

- assisting educators in communicating with culturally diverse families and children
- interpreting meetings between parents and educators
- providing verbal translation of enrolment documents
- assisting educators with key words and phrases that can be used to communicate with the child

Facilitating cultural awareness:

- assisting child care services in better understanding particular ethnic backgrounds, cultural experiences, and child rearing practices of the children and families
- enabling the exchange and sharing of information between educators and families about the child and family life
- providing educators with an understanding of relevant cultural issues

Supporting curricula or programming:

- assisting with the implementation of culturally and linguistically appropriate practices and a culturally inclusive curriculum
- support the child service to maintain bilingualism of the child
- supporting implementation of programs that support English as a Second Language and those that assist newly arrived children and families from refugee backgrounds

Supporting resources and linkages with information about community resources and services.



WILL IT BE THE SUPPORT I NEED WHEN I NEED IT?

Every effort is made to meet the specific needs of services. The Bicultural Support Program managed by PSCTas will endeavour to provide services with a bicultural support worker that speaks the same language and is from the same cultural background as the child.

When addressing individual request needs, PSCTas are mindful to allocate resources equitably across the sector in order to maintain the sustainability of the program.

Gowrie
PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR