Who are the Partners?

Wellington ChildFIRST & Integrated Family Services are provided in partnership by the following agencies:

- UnitingCare Gippsland;
- Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation;
- Yarram & District Health Service;
- Department of Human Services Community Based Child Protection Worker.

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building resilience, building capacity, building partnerships.
A number of services called Child FIRST (Child and Family Information, Referral and Support Teams) have been set up across Victoria to assist families experiencing a crisis or difficulty in their lives that is affecting their children aged from pre-birth to 17 years old.

Wellington provides a Child FIRST service operated by UnitingCare Gippsland.

Child FIRST believes that every child should have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential in a home and community that is safe and promotes their development.

**What does Child FIRST do?**

- Is a place where schools, service providers, community members, or families can ring for advice when they are concerned about a child’s welfare.
- Will take information about the family and refer them on to the most appropriate support service.
- Provide the central intake and assessment point for entry to Integrated Family Services.

**What does Integrated Family Services do?**

Integrated Family Services provides a range of services including:

- Case Management;
- Referrals to other appropriate services;
- Support and Advocacy;

Integrated Family Services aims to:

- Strengthen parenting capacity;
- Support family connections to the community;
- Give parents the skills to maintain positive relationships;
- Provide a responsive and flexible service tailored to meet families needs;
- Network closely with other community services also linked with the family.

UnitingCare Gippsland is a quality accredited organisation.

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