

The Permanent Care and Adoptive Families Specialist Database

Families and individuals often contact Permanent Care and Adoptive Families for information about allied health professionals skilled in matters relevant to families connected to kinship care, permanent care and adoption. Due to the specialised nature of support requirements in this area, Permanent Care and Adoptive Families has established a specialist database of practitioners with demonstrated experience in service provision to children, adults and families post-placement.

Through its specialist database, Permanent Care and Adoptive Families can provide information on allied health professionals practising within and outside of metropolitan Melbourne. Currently, this service focusses particularly on appropriately qualified and registered professionals delivering therapeutic counselling services. Those listed on the database have demonstrated an understanding of and experience in working with the unique needs of families in home-based care and adoption.

Some specialists on the database have been directly recommended to Permanent Care and Adoptive Families by its members; others have been identified by Permanent Care and Adoptive Families as it works to expand the database's geographic reach around the state. When you make an enquiry to Permanent Care and Adoptive Families for information regarding professionals in response to your needs, you will be provided with the details of up to three practitioners operating as closely as possible to your local area.

We strongly encourage you to contact more than one of the professionals on the list provided and talk with them to get your own sense of whether they are likely to meet your and your family's needs. Permanent Care and Adoptive Families has developed a series of fact sheets to assist you in this process. A practitioner who works well for one family may not be right for another, and you must be confident in your relationship with your chosen professional.

If you are seeking to access a counsellor under the Better Access to Mental Health Care program, you will require a referral through your GP. Your GP is not obliged to refer to a practitioner you nominate, however may be willing to do so if you can explain your reasons for seeking a particular referral.

This is a free service offered by Permanent Care and Adoptive Families to connect families with services that have professional competence in matters relating to home-based care and adoption. If you know of a practitioner who you think we should be listing on our specialist database, please let us know.

To access information or nominate someone for listing on this service, contact Permanent Care and Adoptive Families during business hours on (03) 9020 1833 and/or via email at info@pcafamilies.org.au

Related Permanent Care and Adoptive Families fact sheets:

[The Better Access to Mental Health Care](#)

[Seeing Your GP](#)

[Engaging a Therapist](#)

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