



GAPDL Communities for Children Advisory Committee Expressions of Interest

The Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL) is seeking Expressions of Interest for new members on the Communities for Children Advisory Committee commencing in June 2021, for a period of 12, 18 or 24 months.

GAPDL have been the contracted Facilitating Partner (FP) for the Department of Social Services (DSS) Communities for Children (CfC) program in the Gladstone region since 2005.

The CfC FP's are responsible to identifying gaps or needs in services for children from birth to 12 years and their families in the local region. They then contract individuals and organisations known as Community Partners, to deliver programs, services, supports and resources to meet these local needs. Community Partners assist to meet the CfC priority areas as set by DSS of: Children and Families are Safe and Well, Children and Families are Strong and Resilient, Children and Families are Ready to Learn.

To ensure the CfC project is meeting the local needs, the Facilitating Partner (GAPDL) are required to establish and maintain an Advisory Committee who assist to plan, guide, and support the funded activities. CfC FP's build on local strengths with a focus on early intervention and prevention where possible.

The Advisory Committee roles are voluntary, and you will need to be able to commit to meetings before work hours once every two months, and occasionally at other times as required. The Advisory Committee requires representation from several areas of the Gladstone community including:

- clients;
- parents and caregivers;
- local businesses; and
- local service providers including Community Partners and other no-government organisations that deliver children's services, family support services and adult services as well as school, preschools and health providers.

Applicants should possess some understanding of the variety of local issues facing children and their families in the Gladstone Region. Representatives will be asked to contribute to discussions, bring relevant information and put forward cases for particular interventions, services and programs for the GAPDL Board to make formal decisions.



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The Committee will assist the CfC FP to:

- consult with the wider community on community strengths, issues and needs;
- analyse and assess information from consultations and a range of other data sources to identify areas of need;
- identify strengths-based, evidence-based solutions to the priority needs;
- develop linkages within the local service system;
- monitor progress and review performance; and
- assist with the development of the Community Strategic Plan and the Activity Work Plans.

Please submit a short letter outlining your interest in a position by **Friday 21 May 2021**. You don't need to have experience on an Advisory Committee, we will provide training if necessary. You do need to be passionate about improving the possibilities for children and their families in the region.

You can mail your expression of interest to:

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