

Family Inclusion Strategies in the Hunter Inc. (FISH)

Aim and Objects

Appendix 2 to the FISH Constitution



Our Aim

Family Inclusion Strategies Hunter (FISH) is a group of practitioners, parents, family members and carers who have formed to promote family inclusion in the lives of children in child protection and out of home care and family inclusive practice in the child protection and out of home care service system.

Our aim is simple. We want better outcomes for children and young people in the child protection system and in out of home care. Family inclusion will contribute to better outcomes, including higher rates of family preservation, restoration and improved family relationships and overall wellbeing for children in long term care.

The voices and action of parents and family are needed to make this happen.

FISH formed because we want the children and young people of the Hunter Valley of New South Wales in the child protection and out of home care systems to have better relationships with their families and for their families to be actively and respectfully included in their lives.

Our Objects

1. To promote and advocate for the respectful inclusion of families in out of home care and child protection systems and practice.
2. To contribute to a reduction of the numbers of children and young people in out of home care in the Hunter Valley and an increase in children and young people being restored to the care of their families.
3. To amplify the voices of parents, family and children in discussion about child protection and out of home care.
4. To identify and make visible family inclusive practice when it happens to generate learning and change in the broader system.
5. To question conventional thinking, concepts and ways of working which may be counter to family inclusion and to improving children's lives through family inclusion.
6. To actively partner with and learn from the lived experiences of families and children. FISH will model collaboration and partnership between practice, research, parents, family and children in the Hunter Valley.
7. To generate knowledge, solutions and strategies for better practice.
8. To improve access to advocacy, information and support for parents and families that is easy to understand.