



Summary of 2015 Activities

Services Overview

A total of 329 families attended services provided by Alpine Children's Services (ACS), these being:

- Alpine Family Day Care - 9 families (decrease of 4)
- Alpine View Children's Centre - 150 families (increase of 22)
- Lake View Children's Centre - 68 families (decrease of 2)
- Mountain View Children's Centre - 102 families (increase of 20)

Collaboration

- 0-8 Years Network Groups
- Alpine Health
- Alpine Shire Council including the Maternal and Child Health Services
- Bendigo Bank - Bright Community Branch
- Child FIRST
- Department of Education (Federal Government)
- Department of Education and Training (Victorian Government)
- Department of Human Services - Child Protection
- Emergency services
- Gateway Community Health
- Local community groups & organisations such as Lions Club & Rotary
- Local primary schools with comprehensive transition programs
- Myrtleford Preschool
- SCOPE (additional support for funded kindergarten programs)
- Secondary and Tertiary Education Institutes
- Upper Murray Family Care

Achievements

- Opening of Myrtleford OSHC program
- Continued redevelopment of the MVCC outdoor play space
- Development of the LVCC master plan culminating in a successful funding application to the Department of Education & Training and Alpine Shire Council for the redevelopment of the centre
- Training highlights: Three staff attended leadership programs with the Bastow Institute, 2 day workshop with Catherine Hyden for all ACS educators, various conference attendances and Understanding Family Violence.
- Parent Evening: Brendan O'Hara presented in Bright with families attending from across the shire. Brendan is an accomplished national and international lecturer and presenter on the importance of kinesiology in children's development.
- Continued presence in the local media with 16 articles published on a range of activities such as funding announcements, garden projects, children's week activities, parent evening, OSHC opening and grant announcements.
- Improved governance including:
 - 1) Redevelopment of Staff and Family P&P
 - 2) Consolidation of ACS Risk Reporting from the services to the ACS Committee of Management
 - 3) Introduction of new positions: Family Wellbeing Officers and Staff Wellbeing & Contact Officers
- Continuation of \$176k funding under the Long Day Care Professional Development Program
- Total of \$19.6k received in grants/donations

Summary of current position in the National Quality Standard

- Alpine Family Day Care - 'Meeting' NQS
- Alpine View Children's Centre - 'Exceeding' NQS
- Lake View Children's Centre - 'Exceeding' NQS
- Mountain View Children's Centre - 'Meeting' NQS

Key Focus for 2016

- Improve communication across and within ACS
- Continue the development of outdoor learning spaces across ACS
- Continue discussions with Myrtleford Pre-School regarding the management of the service
- Improve governance of ACS and quality of education and care through a range of professional development and training programs
- Redevelopment of Lake View Children's Centre
- Improving the team effectiveness at Mountain View Children's Centre
- Consider service expansion with the Bright & Porepunkah OSHC services