

Switch to Social Work is a two-year program that combines study, training and paid work. It is a new program for people who already have a bachelor's degree but who would like to change careers.

The program aims to strengthen support for young people receiving services. The program enables career-changers to get the qualifications they need to move into the child and family services sector.



About the program

The Switch to Social Work program is an innovative partnership between the Victorian Government, The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, La Trobe University and community services organisations.

By becoming a partner you can shape the future of child and family services delivery in Victoria. You will be a crucial part of the educational journey of a new generation of social workers.

Information Sheet for Employers

Program benefits

Participating organisations will receive:

- financial supports including a 25% wage subsidy for participating students within your organisation
- targeted supervisor training reflecting evidence based best practice
- participation in communities of practice designed to shape contemporary practice
- access to a cohort of students with diverse skills and experiences, motivated to build their careers in child and family services.

Eligibility

Your organisation is eligible to apply if you:

- provide child and family services
- are registered under the Children Youth and Families Act, 2005 and have a service agreement with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
- have confirmed capacity and commitment for two years.

Requirements

Organisations need the below requirements to participate:

- provide a 500-hour placement per year and additional employment hours in Year 2
- provide the remaining 75% salary equal to SCHADS 3.2 (or industry equivalent) in Year 2
- commit to providing effective supervision and participation in any mandatory supervisory training
- participate in evaluation activities
- provide a culturally safe & supportive environment.

Want to participate but unable to meet all the requirements? Please contact our team.

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