Policy 1.05 Families and Children

Scope
This policy and procedure manual encompasses all processes implemented to effectively provide information and manage the delivery of family and child services to residents of the Bega Valley Shire using Council operated services.

Purpose
- To provide guidance to Councillors, managers and staff in the development, implementation, monitoring and review of effective and efficient family and child services in the Bega Valley Shire.

Definitions
Nil

Legislative requirements
Commonwealth Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2011
NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act, 1998 No 157
NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation, 2000
NSW Children Legislation Amendment (Wood Inquiry Recommendations) Act, 2009

Policy Statement
Bega Valley Shire Council will address the matter of ‘Families and Children’ in a systematic manner by:
- Providing information and services to families and children in our community.
- Maintaining accessible and affordable family and child services, particularly for low income and Koori families.
- Providing services that meet all government statutory requirements and quality standards.
- Prioritising programs, education and services that enhance the capacity of families and children to live well and contribute to community life.
- Promoting a range of mechanisms that support family and community involvement in family and child services.
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- Building strong inter-agency relationships with other child and family services.
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