

Kyabra & Edmund Rice Camps' Nomination

In 2017 Edmund Rice Camps and Kyabra formed a partnership to improve outcomes for children in out-of-home care and their families. The collaboration arose from the allocation of Flexible Funding from Child Safety, and the intention to implement an innovative program for families. Each year they coordinate and facilitate a camp for children in care, their carer family, their birth family, and other members of a child's extended family and care team, including NGO's and Child Safety. The partnership has provided three camps, each incredibly successful with meeting outcomes around relationship building, capacity building, and connecting a 'care team'. Parent/Carer sessions are provided to increase capacity, self-determination, and increase parenting strategies in responding to trauma related behaviours. The camps have been described as 'transformational' by participants. This innovative method of service delivery through partnership sees children in care thrive through building confidence, resilience and strengthening relationships, improving overall placement stability.