

Overview of the Permanency Support Program Specialist Packages

This overview supports the business rules for the eligibility criteria of PSP service packages.



Specialist Packages To support the additional and specific needs of a child or young person.

	Description	Price	Payment specification	Inclusions
Cultural Plan (Aboriginal)	Provides for a comprehensive and holistic cultural care plan and genealogy work to support connection to family, community and culture for every Aboriginal child and young person.	\$3,500 \$415	One-off package Following year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, establishment and implementation of an individual cultural care plan for children/young people Participation in cultural activities such as camps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive family finding and genealogy work including family group conferencing and participation of family and kin in establishing genealogy trees and relationship maps
CALD	Provides extra support to undertake targeted recruitment, training and support to carers who wish to work closely with a child or young person, and their family, from diverse cultural backgrounds.	\$1,421	One-off package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and development for carers Contribution to the cost of specialised staff responsible for the development of cultural care plans and program initiatives, and oversight the CALD program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff attendance at workshops and training programs <p>Comment: Development and implementation of Cultural care plan is built into the Baseline Packages.</p>
15+ Years Old Reconnect	Provides extra support for a young person, 15+ years, who has had limited or no family connection while in care, to support reconnection (where safe to do so).	\$1,935	Annual payment for 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconnect sessions between young person and significant others/community members eg. teacher, former carer, elder Additional caseworker hours for preparation of reconnect sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional family contact visits Ancillary and supervisory hours to provide support to caseworkers for family contact visits
Leaving Care	Provides extra caseworker hours to support a young person to exit from care arrangements, with increased capacity to achieve independence and be linked to services that will support their leaving care goals.	\$1,277	Annual payment for up to 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, implementation and ongoing review of leaving care plan, including access to relevant entitlements and services Brokerage services for leaving care planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living skills program and education and training pathways
4+ Sibling Option Placement	Supports flexible options to maintain four or more siblings in a placement together.	\$20,334	Annual payment for the required period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased infrastructure Increased carer costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap-around supports to meet the needs of families <p>Comment: This package is paid per sibling group and paid against <u>one</u> child (the eldest child).</p>
Legal Adoption	Supports accredited adoption service providers to undertake legal work to progress a child's permanency goal of adoption.	\$11,500	One-off package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional staff hours (casework/legal) for preparation of legal work
Complex Needs	Supports truly extraordinary circumstances for a child or young person in statutory OOHC.	N/A	One-off or time-limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapeutic behaviour support Disability care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional rostered staff (ITC only) <p>Comment: In truly extraordinary circumstances, the Deputy Secretary, may use discretion to provide a complex needs payment for a critical service or support.</p>