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NEW TRAUMA PROGRAM GIVES KIDS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL AREAS SPACE TO HEAL

Children under 15 in out-of-home care in regional and remote NSW will receive specialised support to manage their trauma, without the need to travel or re-locate, thanks to a new outreach program delivered by the NSW Government.

Minister for Family and Community Services Pru Goward said OurSPACE would focus on improving family relationships and strengthening the foster and kinship placements of young people in care, regardless of where they live in NSW.

“We know that when trauma in children is left unmanaged, it can have a disastrous impact on their relationships and placement stability,” Ms Goward said.

“Through OurSPACE we will ensure that all children in foster or kinship care in NSW receive local support from experts who will actively reach out to deliver this program wherever it is needed.

“A young person’s location should not determine their prospects for healing - this support will help young people to deal with trauma so they can maintain a positive and stable placement in care.”

Ms Goward said the NSW Government has partnered with the Australian Childhood Foundation to deliver the program, which will be accessed by up to 2700 children and their carers until June 2020.

OurSPACE is funded through the NSW Government’s landmark reform Their Futures Matter, designed to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families, ensuring that every child has a safe, permanent and loving home for life.

For more information, visit www.theirfuturesmatter.nsw.gov.au

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