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Refugee and Settlement Program

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE PROJECT

A Centacare Employment Support Initiative



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Centacare seeks to serve the community in all its diversity.

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Mission Statement and learn more about our wide range of professionally delivered programs/services and locations in Melbourne, Geelong and surrounding areas.



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Centacare's
**Building
Independence
Project**
offers
employment
support to
newly arrived
refugees and
humanitarian
entrants.

Centacare's employment support program targets high resettlement areas of Western and South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, where the need is greatest. The *Building Independence Project* provides coverage for individuals who do not fit the criteria of the mainstream employment support services framework, which includes Job Network, Centrelink and other PAGES (Providers of Australian Government Employment Services). Our goal is to place, successfully, those individuals who find it difficult to achieve meaningful and sustainable employment under existing government programs.

Centacare's *Building Independence Project* acts to complement mainstream employment support programs by customising its services for refugee and humanitarian entrant jobseekers. The focus is on improving employability by strengthening skills that have value to prospective employers. Centacare consults with an established network of businesses and employers who regularly advise us of specific employment needs and have a willingness to accept job seekers from the program.

Centacare's *Building Independence Project* is an intensive support program for refugee and humanitarian entrant job seekers that offers the following services:

- English language tuition and communication
- upgrading current skills tailored to local employment opportunities
- vocational training and job placement
- map reading skills and orientation training
 - facilitating travel on roads and public transport
- driving skills training for work and personal use
- small business and employment mentoring
- reverse job skills marketing – creating sustainable employment options for our clients that satisfy employer requirements
- free post employment support to employers and employees