

Mountains Outreach Community Service Inc

Organisational Policy No. 1

Philosophy and Goals Statement

Philosophy, Mission and Goals

PHILOSOPHY

Mountains Outreach Community Service Inc (MOCS) has a commitment to:

- Social justice and equity,
- Personal empowerment and choice,
- Reconciliation and anti-bias strategies,
- Working in partnership collaboratively and facilitating others to do the same (eg. by community networking and conflict resolution),
- Facilitating participation and active involvement in innovative, imaginative and creative ways.

MOCS **VISION** is to build a healthy interactive community

- ❖ Where vulnerable and disadvantaged community members are well supported and their resilience and quality of life is improved.
- ❖ Where individuals, families and communities participate in opportunities to build a sense of place, community connection and trust through shared experience, knowledge and strong respectful relationships.

MOCS **MISSION** is to

- ❖ Support families and build community in the Blue Mountains

MOCS **VALUES**:

- ❖ We respect the knowledge, culture and custodianship of the Aboriginal communities of the Blue Mountains.
- ❖ We value diversity, and advocate for social justice, equity and social inclusion.
- ❖ We value strengths based community development practice, personal and community empowerment and choice.

MOCS **GOALS** are to:

1. Reduce the impact of social and economic disadvantage and reduce social isolation by building social inclusion.
2. Enhance the resilience and connectedness of BM children, their families and communities.
3. Be an agile and robust community organisation.

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

MOCS **aims** to relieve poverty, misfortune and suffering and to improve the quality of life for Blue Mountains residents by developing and initiating projects and activities to meet the needs of people disadvantaged through disability, isolation and socio-economic status.

MOCS objectives:

1. To work with the community to identify their needs and to assist in the development and implementation of culturally appropriate services and programs and links to meet and address those needs.
2. To increase the knowledge of and promote the use of community services and resources by the more disadvantaged within our community to assist them to realise their potential.
3. Raise community awareness of the issues impacting on the disadvantaged and vulnerable within our community.
4. To provide the opportunity for community connectedness and access to programs that build resilience within and across our community.
5. Deliver community development activities that address the social and economic factors that impact on the lives of the disadvantaged and vulnerable within the BM community.
6. Provide outreach children's services in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area to enable access for Aboriginal and disadvantaged families.
7. Provide families with information and referrals to assist them to access services that meet their individual needs.
8. Promote the participation of families including children in the development of activities and service planning and evaluation.
9. Provide advocacy at the individual level and at a systemic level.
10. Work with government, community and other sectors to develop partnerships that improve coordination of services, reduce gaps in service delivery and build social capital.
11. Ensure service sustainability by implementing appropriate governance procedures, good financial practices and service planning.

