



**Family Services Australia**

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**Family Services Illawarra wins dual 2018 Global Health and Pharma  
Social Care Awards**

*Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Tweed Heads NSW, Gold Coast and Ipswich QLD,  
Australia.*

Family Services Illawarra Limited (FSIL) trading as Family Services Australia has been recognized for its contributions through its Intensive, Child Youth and Family Support and Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) response services in NSW.

The United Kingdom (UK) Global Health and Pharma Magazine has awarded Family Services Illawarra Limited two 2018 Social Care Awards:

- ❖ **2018 Family Support Advisory of the Year – NSW; and**
- ❖ **Social Care Excellence Award in Domestic Violence Support**

In accepting these awards, FSIL's Managing Director, Mr. Gary Jackson said, "These awards are a direct result of the therapeutic skills, experience and nurturing care that our Family Support Workers provide children, young people and families each day".

Mr. Jackson added, "Our staff are the most dedicated, compassionate and real people you could wish to meet, it is so enjoyable to share time and life experiences with our whole team who I admire immensely. Our staff and practice leadership are a true inspiration for each other and to the clients they uplift and support through life challenges".

Since 2016 Family Services Illawarra has expanded its central triage of multi-disciplined services to now include six community service streams in NSW and QLD:

- ❖ Early Childhood Education & Supervision
- ❖ Early Intervention, Group Work & Parenting
- ❖ Mental Health Support & Wellbeing
- ❖ Disability Management Services
- ❖ Domestic & Family Violence
- ❖ Intensive Child Youth & Family Services

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## **About Family Services Illawarra**

Family Services aims to keep clients *Safe, Well, Strong and Connected* through direct services to local children, young people, parents and families who are striving to achieve this but face multiple and sometimes insurmountable challenges. For more than 30 years Family Services Illawarra has provided local community services.

In 2016 a revised multi-disciplined service commitment was launched to holistically support unmet client needs in multiple geographies in Southern and Northern NSW and in South East and South West QLD. Throughout the regions it operates in, Family Services Australia has been established to continue its community support journey through Merger and Acquisition (M&A), Community, Philanthropic, Government, Non-Government Organisation (NGO) and select Corporate sector partnerships.

For more information visit [www.familyservices.org.au](http://www.familyservices.org.au)

## **About Warehouse One7**

Established in 2014, Warehouse One7 provides a range of counselling and personal development services in a friendly environment for kids, teens and families in the Illawarra, helping to protect and promote their well-being. Warehouse One7 offers an uplifting environment that continues to create long-lasting solutions to some of the most demanding health challenges facing society and communities today.

Now owned by Family Services Illawarra, Warehouse One7 will continue to operate on a semi-autonomous basis maintaining its distinct Warehouse community concept and identity. Warehouse One7 has been founded on a model that acknowledges that the best progress occurs for vulnerable people when there is a strong base of support around them.

For more information see [www.warehouseone7.com](http://www.warehouseone7.com)

## **Mental Health ('Mind Matters' Aurecon October 2015)**

- ❖ An invisible challenge to society accounting for 4 out of 10 leading causes of disability worldwide, with over 450 million people suffering from some form of mental illness;
- ❖ Mental illness represents 13% of the global disease burden, surpassing both cardiovascular disease and cancer;
- ❖ Around 20% of the world's children and adolescents are estimated to have mental disorders, with similar conditions reported across different cultures;
- ❖ By 2030, depression will be the second highest cause of disease burden in middle-income countries and the third highest in low-income countries; and
- ❖ In the last 45 years suicide rates have increased by 60% worldwide.