



Curran Place

Adult & Mother Baby Withdrawal Service

About Curran Place

This 16-bed facility located in Ivanhoe provides residential support to assist adults and mothers with babies to withdraw from a range of drug types. The service provides a high level of support and a range of therapeutic and activity based programs. The average length of stay is 7 days (up to 14 days for mother and baby) and there is an emphasis on post withdrawal support and treatment planning. Curran Place is tobacco free.



Program

Whilst at Curran Place clients will have access to:

- Medication to assist with withdrawal if appropriate
- Therapeutic & recreation activities, including art and craft activities
- Discussion groups and information sessions
- Goal setting & post withdrawal planning
- Nutritious food & adequate rest

Referrals

Clients must undergo AOD Screening and Assessment (Steps 1 and 2) by contacting their catchment based intake service. List of areas and services found here:

<http://www.vaada.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/VIC-AOD-Catchment-Intake-and-Assessment-details.pdf>

For admission to the Mother Baby Unit, clients are asked (but not required) to fill out the Mother Baby Referral form available on our website:

<http://www.regen.org.au/treatment-support/withdrawal/mother-and-baby>



Eligibility Criteria – Mother Baby Unit

- This is a voluntary service for a Mother (or primary carer) seeking to undergo withdrawal accompanied by their babe(s) in arms (up to 12 months of age or walking stage) for part of or the entire length of admission
- It is a state-wide service for clients already linked into AOD treatment
- The vast majority of mothers and babies would be returning to their home environment with support from the community sector, including some visits by Maternal and Child Health Services
- It has capacity to transfer a mother (or primary carer) from Methadone to Suboxone
- It may include Mothers (or primary carer) undergoing withdrawal as a pre-admission requirement for:
 - AOD rehabilitation
 - Dual-diagnosis where a substance use issue is the primary diagnosis, and the mother (or primary carer) and baby are assessed as safe in this environment, and there is no active risk to the baby
 - Where admission to a family and parenting service requires the mother or primary carer to complete withdrawal
- Antenatal women seeking to undergo withdrawal or Methadone stabilisation
- Clients referred to us by child protection must first be engaged with family support services



Exclusions – Mother Baby Unit

- This service is **not** for babies in the early stages of withdrawal or babies with health needs that the mother cannot manage and are outside of the scope of the withdrawal unit. However, we may accept medically stable babies still receiving treatment for addiction where the mother is proficient at independently providing care to the baby. (This will be assessed on an individual basis)
- Where DHHS involvement places restriction on the ability for the child to be in the parent's custody in the program, or where there is an imminent risk that DHHS may remove the child. The mother could attend our service, but in the general adult unit.
- Excludes clients mandated to residential parenting treatment and where reunification of the mother and baby should be occurring in a parenting centre
- Where an assessment of the child and parent interaction/relationship should be completed in an early parenting centre
- Mothers presenting with a high level of absconding risk
- High level of risk of harm to others (including baby)

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Entrance



Kitchen



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Lounge



Adult Bedroom



Doctor's Office



Mother Baby Bedroom



Mother Baby Unit



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Backyard



Mother Baby Courtyard



Accepting Referrals Now

For intake queries, contact **Kate Gleeson**, Intake Officer – 03 9497 1122

For clinical queries, contact **Rose McCrohan**, Manager/Nurse Practitioner – 03 9490 2400





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