

Other useful contacts for carers

Carers Victoria

The statewide voice for family carers, providing information and referral, support and counselling, carer workshops, policy and research.

1800 242 636

www.carersvictoria.org.au

Commonwealth Carer Respite and Carelink Centres

Providing local information and support to access respite.

1800 052 052

Centrelink

For enquiries about Carer Payment or Carer Allowance.

Tel: 13 27 17

www.centrelink.gov.au

Working Carers Gateway

A website for people who are juggling working and caring roles.

www.workingcarers.org.au

To find out about more information about accessing the ***Victoriaworks carers returning to work grants*** please contact:

Peter Macdonald or Jan Healey at:

OTWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

6 Murray Street (PO Box 382), Colac, 3250

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For more information about **Community Colleges Victoria** and to find your closest Community College go to www.communitycolleges.vic.edu.au



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Victoriawork for carers returning to work

*Helping carers to
rejoin the workforce*

*Information for
participating
organisations*



Support for those who have been caring for others

Do you have customers who have been absent from the paid workforce or from education and training for more than two years and caring for someone:

- with a disability
- with a mental illness
- with an illness or chronic health issue
- who is aged?

*If so, they may be eligible for a **Victoriaworks carers returning to work grant***

Many carers who have been out of the workforce for several years because of their caring duties can experience a loss of confidence about their skills and their ability to engage in paid employment:

The Victorian Government now offers grants called **Victoriaworks for carers returning to work**. Grants of up to \$1000 per person are available to make it easier for carers to return to work by upgrading their skills after an absence from the workforce.

How the grants work

The **Victoriaworks for carers returning to work** is a grant program that can help carers who need support to update their existing skills or who are seeking to train for other areas of paid employment.

Community Colleges and other Adult Community Education providers can access funding of up to \$1,000 per eligible carer to cover any costs associated with approved training such as books and materials, course fees, transport, childcare and respite care.

Participating organisations will support each carer to identify their work aspirations, training needs, a training provider, the costs involved and an appropriate budget, within the scope of the \$1,000 grant.

They will also arrange or provide referrals to support services such as:

- Carer support networks
- Study groups
- Vocational information and advice
- Complementary training, such as study techniques, time management and advice on balancing study, work and family/caring needs.

What are the benefits?

These grants give you the opportunity to provide an incentive for eligible carers to access education and training opportunities at your organisation – potentially increasing class sizes and attracting new participants.

How to apply to be a provider of the *Victoriaworks for carers returning to work* grants

To be eligible to participate in this grant program, your organisation must be a registered Adult, Community and Further Education provider

1. Decide on the number of places you wish to apply for
2. Contact Peter Macdonald or Jan Healey at:

Otway Community College

T: (03) 5231 9500

Email:

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3. You will be sent the relevant application forms and Statutory Declarations, as well as information regarding the grants and the processes for record-keeping