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- **FKA Multicultural Resource Centre**
www.fka.com.au/1/1.htm

This is a Victorian statewide service that provides advice, consultancy, training and resources to community based and private child care services, home based care and family day care, Children's Services Resource and Development Officers (CSRDOs), and preschools.

- **Migrant Resource Centres** can provide cultural training and information (eg. about particular refugee or ethnic groups).

Migrant Resource Centre	Website/Email
Geelong Migrant Resource Centre	http://www.gecc.net.au
Gippsland Migrant Resource Centre	http://www.gmrc.com.au
Northern Migrant Resource Centre	http://www.mrcne.org.au
Migrant Information Centre Eastern Melbourne	http://www.miceastmelb.com.au/
North West Region (St Albans) Migrant Resource Centre	http://www.mrcnorthwest.org.au/
Oakleigh Migrant Resource Centre	mrcoak@vicnet.net.au
South Central Region Migrant Resource Centre	mrcprah@vicnet.net.au
South Eastern Region Migrant Resource Centre	http://www.sermmc.dandenong.net/
Migrant Resource Centre Westgate Region	http://www.wmrc.org.au

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