

CASE STUDY: DRIVE

SAFE IN WA



Drive Safe in WA is designed to provide refugees and migrants with an overview of WA road rules, purchasing a safe vehicle and child restraints.

AT A GLANCE



Target Participants

Humanitarian entrants and eligible migrants who are within their first five years in Australia



Aim

To promote safe driving practices within the CALD community



Organisations Involved

Communicare, Save the Children, Centrecare and RAC



Location

Perth, WA



Funding

Department of Home Affairs - Settlement Engagement and Transition Support

The Settle In Drive Safe in WA workshops were developed in response to clients' ongoing desire to travel independently and secure a driver's license.

A partnership was established between Settle In and the RAC, as the leading road safety advocates in WA. RAC's community development team deliver content specifically tailored for people from refugee and migrant backgrounds..

The free workshops are designed to provide participants with an overview of safe driving practices in Western Australia and cover the following topics:

- WA road rules and road safety;
- Guidelines for buying safe and roadworthy cars;
- The use of appropriate child restraints;
- How to obtain a driver's license, including how to transfer an international license;
- How to access a free driving lesson via the national Keys2Drive program; and
- How to access No Interest Loans for support with the cost of self-funding driving lessons.

A creche is provided to parents and caregivers so that they have the opportunity to access this information.

Successful Outcomes:

Positive outcomes of Drive Safe in WA workshops include participants obtaining their WA driver's license, thereby increasing their independence and ability to access services, employment and social activities, whilst also increasing the safety of the individuals, their families and other road users.

Three workshops were held in 2019, with 35 participants attending in total. All participants reported an increase in their awareness of safe driving practices, and confidence to begin the process of getting their full driver's license.

Program learnings:

- The importance of meaningful partnerships with leading experts in the community to provide comprehensive information to the client group
- The value of independent travel and the positive impact this has on all facets of an individual's life.

" I have an understanding of WA road safety. Thank you so much"

*23 year old female
from Sri Lanka*

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