

Barnardos Australia

Who we are

Barnardos Australia is a non-government, non-denominational charity which has been at the forefront of child protection for over 130 years. We believe all children deserve to be safe and protected.

We work with families and communities facing issues such as violence, poverty, mental illness and homelessness, to keep children safe at home.

Barnardos extensive range of services include, family and domestic violence support, mental health support, emergency accommodation, parent education, counselling, foster care and open adoption.

Our evidence-based research and dedicated caseworkers and carers ensure Barnardos is well equipped to fully support, care for and nurture children in need.

How we help

Support for families

Barnardos offers a wide range of services for families to help them care for their children.

Foster, kinship care and open adoption

At Barnardos Australia we provide a range of foster care and kin care options to meet the needs of children in NSW and the ACT. When the court deems it unsafe for children to return home, we find them safe and permanent homes through permanent foster care & open adoption.

Adolescent services

We aim to prevent homelessness and support young people and, where possible, their families.

Advocacy for children

Barnardos uses its knowledge, gained while delivering services, to advocate for policies and practices which will assist children, young people and their families.

Case management systems

Barnardos has developed the MyStory Case Management system to help us provide the best possible support to children and young people.

Community support for all Australian children

We offer national community programs which enable children and young people to take part in activities that focus on education, health, and social and emotional well-being.

Every day there are more than 167 substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect.
AIHW 15/16



Every two weeks one child dies as a direct result of assault.
AIHW 2012

Of the 46,448 children not able to live with their parents, 41 percent are living with foster carers.
AIHW 15/16



Between 2012-2015 almost 200,000 women and children were made homeless due to family violence.
AIHW 2015

From 2010 to 2016 the number of children who were the subject of a substantiated report of abuse or neglect increased by nearly 45 per cent, from 31,527 to 45,714.
AIHW 15/16



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Barnardos by numbers

Barnardos Australia's 600+ staff provide an extensive range of over 170 services with the assistance 1,190 carers and over 500 volunteers. Over 85% percent of our workforce are welfare staff.

In 2016/17 Barnardos Australia directly helped 22,496 children:

- 1,550 children find safe homes through foster and kinship care.
- 51 children find permanent homes through our Find-a-Family open adoption program.
- 7,857 children kept safe in their own family through preventative programs.
- 10,385 children and young people assisted by our school grants programs to achieve more from their education.
- 1,210 homeless young people reconnected with family or supported with accomodation.
- 1143 Pre-schoolers supported through playgroups, early learning & parenting programs.

Where our money goes

In 2016/17 almost 90 per cent of Barnardos Australia's total expenditure was spent on direct welfare programs and services (over \$91.7m).

Our welfare expenditure has almost tripled over the last seven years, from \$31.8m in 2009 to \$91.7m in 2016/17.

Our history

Barnardos Australia takes its values and direction from the work of its founder Thomas Barnardo. An Irish philanthropist, Barnardo discovered the extreme poverty children were experiencing and opened boys and girls homes in the east end of London in the late 19th century. Dr Barnardo collected donations so that no child would ever be turned away from his care.

Barnardos still works to prevent and protect children from abuse and neglect.

We are part of the Barnardos group which was founded in the United Kingdom in the 1800's and now has organisations in Ireland, New Zealand and here in Australia.

Find out more

- Barnardos Australia: barnardos.org.au
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Child Protection Australia 2015-16
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - A picture of Australia's children 2012
- Australian Government Dept. of Social Services - National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020



Community support for all Australian children through grants and programs.

Case management systems to ensure every child's complex needs are met.



Carer training and 24 hour support to ensure help is always at hand.

Foster, kincare and open adoption to provide safe homes for children.



Adolescent Outreach to prevent homelessness and to support young people.

Advocacy for children to improve policies and service delivery.



Family support to help families care for their children.

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