

# Australia's Children

There are **5.2 million** children aged 0-17 years in Australia, representing **22%** of the population.

## Did you know?

Every day in Australia there are more than

**186**

substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.

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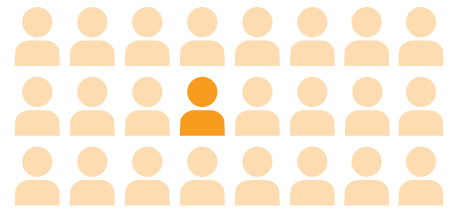
Almost

**48,000**

Australian children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

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**1 in 32**



Australian children received child protection services in 2016/17, with **74%** being repeat clients.

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## Key Issues ▼

### ABUSE & NEGLECT

**24%** of children who were the subject of a substantiated report suffered from neglect.

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### MENTAL ILLNESS

Parental mental illness is a major cause of child abuse and neglect.

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### HOMELESSNESS

**27%** of people experiencing homelessness are children under the age of 18 years.

Homelessness Australia 2016

### POVERTY

**17.4%** of all Australian children under 15 years live below the poverty line. (One in six)

ACOSS 16

### DISABILITY

Disabled children and young people are three times more likely to be abused or neglected.

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### FAMILY VIOLENCE

Children who were physically or sexually abused before the age of 15 years were three times as likely to experience domestic violence after the age of 15.

#### Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Child Protection Australia 2016/17
- ACOSS, Poverty in Australia 2016
- AIHW, Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia 2018
- Homelessness Australia 2016



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# How we help

## How do we do it?

1

We find **SAFE HOMES** for these children when they cannot live with their parents.

2

We **WORK WITH FAMILIES** to try and keep them together.

3

We have **SPECIALLY TRAINED STAFF** who understand the needs of their clients.

## Our services for families

We work together with children, young people and families to break the cycle of disadvantage, creating safe, nurturing and stable homes, connected to family and community.

- Parent education and counselling
- Supported playgroups
- After school care programs and long day care
- Indigenous learning centres
- Tutoring program
- Youth homelessness prevention
- Temporary foster care (short term, crisis and respite care)
- Transitional accommodation
- Family and domestic violence support
- Mental health support
- Drug and alcohol support
- Family support and preservation
- Disability Services
- Kinship care
- Permanent care and open adoption (Find-a-Family program)

In 2016/17 we directly helped

**22,496**

children through all our programs.

**7,857**

Children in Barnardos preventative care.

Supported

**1,190**

Barnardos carers.

Delivered **172**

programs and services.

**51** children found permanent homes through Find-a-Family adoption program.

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