

# Issues facing young people in Australia



## Out-of-home care

**45,000** children and young people are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect. **47%** or more than **22,000** children in out-of-home care are aged 10-17 years.

AIHW 2018/19



## Care leavers

**Within one year** of exiting out-of-home care, **50%** of care leavers will be unemployed, in jail, homeless or become a new parent.

Homestretch.org.au



## Mental health

**1 in 7** young Australians experience a mental health condition.

www.health.gov.au 2018



## Poverty

**1 in 7** Australians aged 15-24 years are living in poverty.

ACOSS 2020



## Abuse

**1 in 6** girls and **1 in 9** boys were physically and/or sexually abused before the age of 15.

AIHW 2018



## Homelessness

Young people aged 12-24 years make up **one quarter** of Australia's total homeless population.

ACOSS 2020



## Unemployment

Youth unemployment is **16%** which is more than twice that of the overall population.

ABS 2020



## Substance abuse

Alcohol and illicit drug use were the **leading causes** of total burden of disease in males aged 15-24 and the second and third leading causes (respectively) for females.

AIHW 2020

### Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection 2018/19
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia 2018
- The Mental Health of Children and Adolescents www.health.gov.au 2018
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Australia 2020
- Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2016, and Labour Force, Australia, July 2020
- Australian Council of Social Services, Poverty in Australia 2020



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# How Barnardos Australia helps

## Our services for young people

Barnardos Australia youth programs provide services for young people aged 12-18 years who are unable to live at home safely.

- **Reconnect Program** - reconnects young people with their families to prevent youth homelessness.
- **Streetwork Program** - youth outreach for young people with drug and alcohol issues, disconnected from family, education and their community.
- **Joint Support Program** - provides support to young people involved in the Juvenile Justice system in the areas of education, employment and accommodation.
- **Supported Accommodation Program** - provides safe accommodation for young people facing homelessness and helps them on their journey to independence.

## 2019-20 at a glance



# 13,654

children, young people  
and their families  
helped by Barnardos.



## 12,241

Families kept  
their children  
safe at home



## 1,413

Children lived  
safely in foster  
and kinship care



## 61

Children found  
families through  
open adoption

## Children, young people and their families helped through



## 5,605

Referrals and  
information



## 6,636

Family  
support



## 1,600

Youth  
programs



## 1,225

Parenting  
programs



## 1,302

Early learning  
and education



## 1,167

Supported  
housing

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