

# Issues facing children in Australia

## Child abuse and neglect

Every day there are over **1,200** reports of child abuse or neglect.

AIHW 2019

**45,000** children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

AIHW 2019

**1 in 6 girls** and **1 in 9 boys** are physically or sexually assaulted before their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

AIHW 2019



### Child deaths

**One child dies** every **two weeks** from abuse and neglect.

AIFS 2017



### Child poverty

**774,000** or **1 in 6** children live in poverty.

ACOSS 2020



### Family violence

**418,000** women experience domestic violence with children witnessing the violence.

AIHW 2019



### Child homelessness

**17,845** children experiencing homelessness are under the age of 12.

ABS Census 2016



### Education

**1 in 5** children starting school are developmentally vulnerable in language and cognitive skills.

AIHW 2019



### Parental drug abuse

Children whose parents use drugs are **3 times** more likely to be physically, sexually and emotionally abused, and **4 times** more likely to be neglected.

Australian Government  
Department of Health 2019

#### Find out more

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Child Protection 2018/19
- Australian Institute of Family Studies, Child deaths from abuse and neglect 2017
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Children Report 2020
- Australian Council of Social Services 2020
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2016
- Australian Government Department of Health 2019 - cracksintheice.org.au



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# How Barnardos Australia helps

Our goal is to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect by providing wrap-around support services to children, young people and their families.

## Our services for children and families:

- Domestic and family violence support
- Youth and family homelessness services
- Drug and alcohol services
- Intensive family support
- Aboriginal child and family support
- Parenting, early learning and education
- Foster care, kinship care and open adoption
- Research and advocacy

## 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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