

About the centre

The Canberra Children's Family Centre has been providing services to the local community since 1963. We welcome families from all backgrounds and cultures.

Our evidence-informed programs and expert staff provide critical and practical support to children, young people and families when it is needed the most. The centre provides an integrated mix of early intervention and intensive support services, designed to prevent family breakdown and entry to foster care or homelessness.

Our services include:

- Family support
- Parenting support programs
- Child and Youth mentoring
- Child and Youth tutoring
- Youth homelessness support services
- Deadly Allstars Cultural Group

Support services

Intensive Intervention Service

We work instensively with families to find out what you want for you and your children. We help with:

- Building confidence and self esteem.
- Parenting programs
- Budgeting support
- Support to find education, training and work experience for parents and young people.
- Strategies to manage challenging anti-social behavior
- Support to improve the property that the family live in
- Strategies to overcome isolation
- Learning new ways to solve difficulties
- Coordinate and access support from other services in the community

Family support

We offer case managed support to children, youth and families who are experiencing difficulties. The support is provided in homes or at a convenient location for the family, child or young person.



Intensive Youth Outreach

Youth aged 16 - 25 years can access support through this program if they havent been able to access mainstream services.

- Intensive outreach case management
- Skills building and individual development
- Support to engage with education
- or employment
- Referrals and support to access services

Youth Homelessness

There are three key programs under this area of support: Youth Identified Accommodation Support Program (YIASP), Friendly Landlord Service (FLS) and Our Place which all offer different accommodation programs for youth at risk of homelessness.

Healing Garden

We are also proud to have a Healing Garden which was developed by the Deadly Allstars Cultural Group) where the local community can come and use the following spaces:

- Sensory garden space
- Bush Tucker garden
- Red Earth Performance space
- Yarning Circle
- Gravel exploration pathway
- Wall art

Contact us

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About Barnardos

At Barnardos, we hope to end child abuse and neglect by supporting families to keep children and young people safe at home. We help children and young people who have experienced trauma, to recover and thrive.

We connect children, young people and families to their community to ensure they never feel isolated. We give children, young people and families the tools to cope with life's challenges and improve their wellbeing. We motivate children, young people and their families to embrace learning and education so they can reach their brightest future.

We amplify the voices of young people to influence Government on the issues that affect their lives. We celebrate diversity and encourage children, young people and families to embrace their culture, history and identity.

Barnardos Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work.

We pay our respect to past, present and future elders.

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