

#### **About the centre**

The Sydney Metro Children's Family Centre provides services to the local community and has strong ties with local Indigenous groups. 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 family support services, designed to prevent family breakdown and entry to foster care or homelessness.

#### Our services include:

- Foster care (short-term)
- Indigenous learning support and learning centre
- Indigenous parenting support
- Family Connect and Support referral services
- Youth services: Reconnect, Streetwork, EIPP
- Early learning centre

## **Support services**

#### Yurungai Child and Family Services

We provide support services to children 0-18 and their families with a goal of preventing family breakdown and to keep children from entering the out of home care system. We also support kinship carers who have the care of children who cannot live with their parents.

#### Yurungai Learning Centre

Situated at The Factory Community Centre in Waterloo, it provides an after school homework support service primarily to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who attend primary schools in the local areas with a focus on education and cultural activities.

#### **Aboriginal Early Years Program**

We run an early intervention program which aims to help parents give their children a good start in life. Family workers provide support for families with children aged 0 to 5, focusing on health, development, parenting, access to services and support groups.

#### **Early Learning Centre Ultimo**

Our new state-of-the art long day-care service uses an emergent curriculum, with a focus on play based learning. The centres philosophy is built around the practices and principles outlined in Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework with a strong emphasis on play based learning, communication and language (early literacy and numeracy), social and emotional development and family input.

#### Family Connect and Support (FCS)

Family Connect and Support is an Early Intervention progr<mark>am w</mark>hich helps children, young people

and families by providing casework, information and advice and help you connect to the services in your area. We stay connected with you until you're matched with the right services.

# Sydney Youth Services: Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Program (EIPP)

This program aims to support young people and their families who are deemed to be 'at risk' by providing information, referral and short term support to address identified issues.

#### Streetwork youth program

This outreach program supports young people (12-18 years old) who have drug and alcohol issues. The program provides this support by working with young people 'on their turf and on their terms'.

#### Reconnect

We work with young people 12-18 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and their families to reconnect the young person with family, education, community, training and employment.

#### **Casework Support Program**

Barnardos and DCJ provide a casework support service to young people involved in the Juvenile Justice system. Intensive pre-release and post release support for issues such as employment, accommodation, school and income support.

#### **Temporary Family Care**

Our Temporary Family Care (TFC) program has authorised short-term foster carers who look after young children and their siblings if they cannot live safely at home. TFC works together with the family, government and other agencies for children to eventually return home as part of restoration, live with other family members or a permanent safe home for the long term.





### Contact us

## Barnardos Sydney Metro Children's Family Centre

p: (02) 9218 2358

e: sydneymetro@barnardos.org.au

Open Monday - Friday

Reception closed 1 - 2pm

#### **Barnardos Early Learning Centre Ultimo**

p: (02) 9171 3500

e: elc.ultimo@barnardos.org.au

#### Yurungai Learning Centre

p: 0417 259 851

yurungai@barnardos.org.au

#### **Sydney Youth Services**

p: (02) 9784 2800

#### Complaints

p: (02) 9218 2455

e: complaints@barnardos.org.au

#### **Privacy enquiries**

p: (02) 9218 2450

e: privacy@barnardos.org.au

### **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.















Barnardos



Because **every child** Indedsia champion

# Sydney Metro Children's Family Centre



