

Issues facing families in Australia



Family violence

1 in 4
children are exposed to
domestic violence.

Australian Domestic and Family
Violence Clearinghouse 2011, The
Impact of Domestic Violence on
Children: A Literature Review



Drug abuse

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

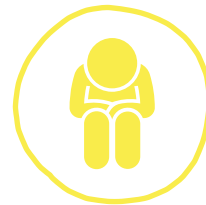
Australian Government Department of
Health 2019



Child safety

46,000
children are unable to live
with their parents due to
abuse or neglect.

Australian Institute of Health and
Welfare - Child Protection in Australia
2019-20



Poverty

Over three **million people**
in Australia, including three
quarters of a million children,
are living in poverty. That is
1 in 8 Australians and **1 in 6**
Australian children.

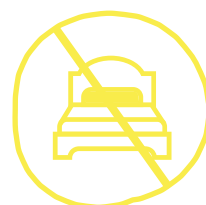
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Single parent hardship

Single parent families are
three times more likely to
be living in poverty than two
parent families.

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Homelessness

In 2019-20, **119,200**
Specialist Homelessness
Services (SHS) clients had
experienced family and
domestic violence, equating
to **41%** of all clients.

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Disability

1 in 14
(7.4%) children in Australia
have some level of disability.

Australian Bureau of Statistics -
Census 2016



Unemployment

Around
1 in 9
households with children
are **jobless families**.

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How Barnardos helps

We keep vulnerable children and young people safe from abuse and neglect by assisting families facing issues such as violence, poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse and mental illness.



We give parents the tools and confidence to care for their children, encouraging them to be their child's first teacher, strengthening parent-child relationships and their connection to community.

In 2020-21: 80% of parents/caregivers in our parenting programs said their capacity to care had improved.



We focus on early learning, school readiness and engagement. We also provide breakfast clubs and homework support through our Aboriginal learning centres.

In 2020-21: 82% of children recorded improved behaviours, skills and engagement with education.



We assist families with complex issues such as domestic violence, poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse and mental illness through wraparound services and specialist Aboriginal programs.

In 2020-21: There was a 9% increase in the number of children supported by our Safety and Prevention programs.



We provide youth homelessness services, counselling and mediation, mentoring and advocacy, youth drop-in and street outreach programs, drug and alcohol services, and juvenile justice support.

In 2020-21: 90% of young people in our programs reported an improvement in health and wellbeing.



We provide short-term foster care while we work with birth parents to have their children restored. If the courts rule a child cannot safely return home, we provide permanent foster care and open adoption.

In 2020-21: 32% of children in short-term foster care were restored to birth family.

Barnardos made a big impact in 2020-21!*

10,987

children, young people and their families were assisted by Barnardos.

1,262

children in out-of-home care programs.

35

children adopted from out-of-home care.

9,725

children, young people and families supported through Safety and Prevention programs.

4,158 children, young people and families helped through referrals and information.

880 children and families assisted through parenting programs.

913 children, young people and families assisted through early learning and education.

1,808 young people assisted through youth programs.

812 children, young people and families assisted through supported housing.

* in NSW and ACT

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