

Issues facing families in Australia

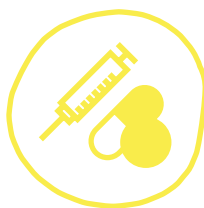


Family violence

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

45,000

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

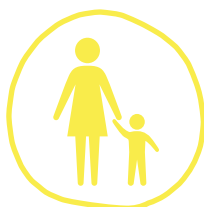
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Child Protection in Australia 2021-22



Poverty

3.3 million people in Australia, including 761,000 children, are living in poverty. That is **1 in 8** Australians and **1 in 6** Australian children.

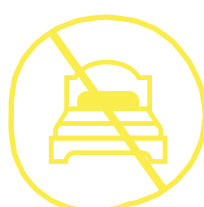
Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) Poverty in Australia 2023



Single parent hardship

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

ACOSS Poverty in Australia 2022



Homelessness

In 2021-22, **108,000** Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) clients had experienced family and domestic violence, equating to **39%** of all clients.

AIHW Homelessness and Homelessness Services 2021



Disability

1 in 10

(10%) school children aged 5-18 have some level of disability.

AIHW People with Disability in Australia 2022



Unemployment

7.8%

households with children are jobless families.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2022

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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.



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



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.



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.



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.

Barnardos made a big impact in 2022-23!*

15,209

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

1,404

children aged 0-17 in foster care.

30

children adopted from foster care.

8,410

children aged 0-17 assisted through our Children's Family Centres.

6,646 children, young people and families helped through referrals and information.

988 children and families assisted through parenting programs.

1,005 children, young people and families assisted through early learning and education.

1,713 young people assisted through youth programs.

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

* in NSW and ACT

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