

# Barnardos Theory of Change

Our Theory of Change describes how the work we do contributes to achieving our intended impact of improving the safety and wellbeing of children and families.

**Our vision is to empower every child in Australia to reach their full potential.**

**What challenges are Australian families facing?**

**POVERTY**



**UNEMPLOYMENT**



**HOMELESSNESS**



**VIOLENCE**



**What problems are we trying to solve?**

**1 in 6 children live in poverty**



**1 in 3 clients of homelessness services are single-parent families with children**



**1 in 4 children are exposed to domestic violence**



**1 in 9 households with children are without employment**

**46,000 children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse and neglect**

**What do we need to achieve this?**

- Empowered and engaged children, young people, parents and carers
- Trained and experienced practitioners and volunteers
- Strong partnerships with government, corporate and philanthropic supporters
- Targeted advocacy and funded strategic initiatives

**How do we address the challenges facing children and families?**

- Youth and family homelessness support
- Domestic and family violence support
- Parenting, early learning and education
- Aboriginal child and family support
- Restoration, guardianship and open adoption
- Advocacy and research

**What improves for children and young people in the short term?**

- Collaborative and trusting relationships with practitioners
- Greater social support and connection
- Responsive caring
- Hope and enthusiasm for the future
- Improved wellbeing

**What improves for children and young people in the long term?**

- Feel safe
- Feel healthy and thrive
- Passion for life-long learning
- Stronger connection to family, community and culture
- Positive identity and sense of belonging

**What is our social impact?**

- Reduced child abuse and neglect
- Reduced family and domestic violence
- Strengthened health and wellbeing
- More families in secure and safe housing
- Greater access to education and employment