

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: **Safe children. Supported families. Hopeful futures.**

What challenges are Australian children and families facing?

POVERTY



UNEMPLOYMENT



HOMELESSNESS



VIOLENCE



What problems are we trying to solve?

1 in 6 children live in poverty

62,000 children require homelessness support

1 in 4 children are exposed to domestic violence

1 in 12 children live in families with no 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



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