

# Barnardos Australia

## Who we are

Barnardos Australia is a non-government, non-denominational charity which has been at the forefront of child protection for over 130 years. We believe all children deserve to be safe and protected.

We work with families and communities facing issues such as violence, poverty, mental illness and homelessness, to keep children safe at home.

Barnardos extensive range of services include, family and domestic violence support, mental health support, emergency accommodation, parent education, counselling, foster care and adoption.

Our evidence-based research and dedicated caseworkers and carers ensure Barnardos is well equipped to fully support, care for and nurture children in need.

We believe child abuse is unacceptable; child protection is at the forefront of what we do.

## How we help

### Support for families

Barnardos offers a wide range of services for families to help them care for their children.

### Foster, kinship care and adoption

At Barnardos Australia we provide a range of foster care and kin care options to meet the needs of children in NSW and the ACT.

### Adolescent services

We aim to prevent homelessness and support young people and, where possible, their families.

### Advocacy for children

Barnardos uses its knowledge, gained while delivering services, to advocate for policies and practices which will assist children, young people and their families.

### Case management systems

The Practice Development Centre (PDC) is a welfare service initiative of Barnardos Australia and was established to develop cutting edge case management tools to help us provide the best possible support to children and young people.

### Community support for all Australian children

We offer national community programs which enable children and young people to take part in activities that focus on education, health, and social and emotional well-being.

Every day there are more than 167 substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect.  
AIHW 15/16



Every two weeks one child dies as a direct result of assault.  
AIHW 2012

Of the 46,448 children not able to live with their parents, 41 percent are living with foster carers.  
AIHW 15/16



Between 2012-2015 almost 200,000 women and children were made homeless due to family violence.  
AIHW 2015

From 2010 to 2016 the number of children who were the subject of a substantiated report of abuse or neglect increased by nearly 45 per cent, from 31,527 to 45,714.  
AIHW 15/16



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## Barnardos by numbers

Barnardos Australia's 560 staff provide an extensive range of over 150 services with the assistance of 1011 carers and over 500 volunteers. Over 85% percent of our workforce are welfare staff.

In 2015/16 Barnardos Australia directly helped 17,039 children:

- 1,262 children find safe homes through out-of-home care.
- 18 children find permanent homes through our Find-a-Family adoption program.
- 7,457 children helped in their own family through preventative programs.
- 3,270 children assisted through Barnardos children's support programs nationally.
- 3,631 'at risk' young people supported through our youth outreach program.

## Where our money goes

In 2015/16 almost 90 per cent of Barnardos Australia's total expenditure was spent on direct welfare programs and services (over \$68m).

Our welfare expenditure has more than doubled over the last six years, from \$31.8m in 2009 to \$68m in 2016.

## Our history

Barnardos Australia takes its values and direction from the work of its founder Thomas Barnardo. An Irish philanthropist, Barnardo discovered the extreme poverty children were experiencing and opened boys and girls homes in the east end of London in the late 19th century. Dr Barnardo collected donations so that no child would ever be turned away from his care.

Barnardos still works to prevent and protect children from abuse and neglect.

We are part of the Barnardos group which was founded in the United Kingdom in the 1800's and now has organisations in Ireland, New Zealand and here in Australia.

### Find out more

- Barnardos Australia: [barnardos.org.au](http://barnardos.org.au)
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Child Protection Australia 2015-16
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - A picture of Australia's children 2012
- Australian Government Dept. of Social Services - National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020



Community support for all Australian children through grants and programs.

Case management systems to ensure every child's complex needs are met.



Carer training and 24 hour support to ensure help is always at hand.

Foster, kincare and adoption to provide safe homes for children.



Adolescent services to prevent homelessness and to support young people.

Advocacy for children to improve policies and service delivery.



Family support to help families care for their children.

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