



Fact sheet



What is Act for Kids?

Act for Kids is an Australian charity working tirelessly to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

Act for Kids is one of the most prominent providers of free professional therapy for children who have suffered abuse and support for families at risk.

With 22 centres from Adelaide to the Cape York Peninsula, Act for Kids has supported thousands of children and their families.

Did you know?

- In 2014–15 there were 42,457 children confirmed as abused or neglected in Australia.
- In 2014-15, there were 320,200 reports made to child protection services in Australia.
- The number of children in out-of-home care continues to increase. At 30 June 2015, there were 43,400 children and young people in out-of-home care.
- Nationally, emotional abuse was the most prevalent type, confirmed in 43% of cases, closely followed by neglect in 26% of cases.
- The Australian Government and State and Territory governments announced in 2009 a national, long-term approach for protecting Australia's children. Act for Kids is part of a coalition working to ensure these reforms produce better protection for children.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. *Child protection Australia 2014–15*. Child welfare series no. 63. Cat. No. CWS 57. Canberra: AIHW.
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129554728>

About us

Act for Kids is an Australian charity providing free services to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

Established in 1988, we have helped thousands of children affected by abuse and neglect.

We believe all children deserve to grow up in a safe and loving home.

We deliver a range of free services to help children, families and carers who have experienced, or are at risk of, child abuse and neglect.

Act for Kids operates centres in:

- Brisbane
- Ipswich
- Toowoomba
- Roma
- Gold Coast
- Sunshine Coast
- Gympie
- Fraser Coast/Maryborough
- Cairns and outreach services in Far North Queensland
- Townsville
- Mackay
- West Cape York (Aurukun, Napranum, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw) and Doomadgee
- Adelaide (South Australia)
- Western Sydney (New South Wales)

Act for Kids services include intensive therapy, sexual abuse counselling, help for families at risk, teen mentoring, a specialist preschool, safe houses in remote Indigenous communities and protective behaviours programs.

While we receive some government funding, we rely heavily on donations, fundraising and community support to provide free treatment for children and families.

For more information about the services we provide, visit www.actforkids.com.au or call 1300 228 000.