

Statewide Support Numbers

Kids Help Line - 1800 551 800

Lifeline - 13 11 14

VACCA - 8388 1855

Women's DV Crisis - 1800 015 188

Child Protection -131 278

M&CHN -13 22 29

Parent Line -1300 301300

Police, Fire, Ambulance - 000

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Providing A Voice for
Children Experiencing
Homelessness and/or
Family Violence



Statewide Children's Resource Program



Background

The Statewide Children's Resource Program is a Specialist Homelessness Service funded by DHHS to assist, support, and resource homelessness assistance and other non government services to respond more effectively to the needs of children who have experienced homelessness and /or family violence.

The role of the CRP is flexible and can meet specific regional needs that are identified within the program's guidelines, these being:

- **Secondary Consultation**
- **Training and Resources**
- **Networking and Advocacy**
- **Brokerage**

The Homeless Children's Brokerage aims to encourage homelessness and family violence support providers to integrate child and family centered assessment and case planning into their work practice.

Our Philosophy

The Children's Resource Program advocate on behalf of children and young people in the homelessness and family violence sectors.

We uphold the rights of children as stated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

All children:

- Require a safe, secure and nurturing environment to promote positive childhood experiences.
- Aboriginal children are connected to culture and community
- Require access to appropriate shelter to promote a caring environment to nurture physical and emotional growth.
- Should have access to quality, affordable education.
- Children should be encouraged to dream about their futures by being creative and having a sense of belonging within family and community.



Homelessness and family violence may impact on children by:

- Significant impact on a child's cognitive, social, physical, emotional and psychological development.
- Disrupted attachments to caregivers and a distorted sense of self.
- A sense of not being connected to their peers and the broader community.
- Inability to engage with and maintain education (including early education services such as childcare and kindergarten).

What can I do?:

- Reduce social isolation by enhancing access to a range of support, social and recreational opportunities within the child's community.
- Provide social and emotional growth experiences for children.
- Provide opportunities to increase relational bonds between parents/caregivers and children.