# Support for families

Should you feel that you and your family require support during this time, the following services can provide you with practical, non-judgmental information, advice, confidential peer support and counselling.





Australian Centre to Counter **Child** Exploitation

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Child Wise offers information, support, counselling and advice from trained counsellors to help people deal with concerns relating to child sexual abuse and exploitation.

If you have experienced child abuse in an institutional context you can contact the Child Wise Helpline.

Call **1800 99 10 99** (9am-5pm M-S) Visit **childwise.org.au** 

**The Salvation Army** assists families experiencing a sudden crisis in need of financial assistance (food, travel, water, phone, rates, clothing, etc).

Call **1300 371 288** (9am-5pm AEST M-F) Visit salvationarmy.org.au

**Lifeline** provides a telephone and online service for anyone who is experiencing a personal crisis, contemplating suicide or caring for someone in crisis.

Call 13 11 14 (Operates 24/7) Visit lifeline.org.au

**1800Respect**. Dial for sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling, information and referrals.

Call **1800 737 732** (Operates 24/7) Visit **1800respect.org.au** 

**Beyond Blue** provides a confidential phone or online service offering support and counselling by trained mental health professionals.

Call **1300 22 4636** (Operates 24/7) Visit beyondblue.org.au/getsupport

**Blue Knot** Helpline and Redress Support Service provides specialist trauma counselling, support, information and referrals to adults who have experienced childhood trauma.

Call **1300 657 380** (9am-5pm AEST M-S) Visit **blueknot.org.au/helpline** 

## Support for children and young people

**Kids Helpline** offers a free, confidential telephone and online counselling service for young people aged 5-25 years.

Call **1800 55 1800** (Operates 24/7) Visit **kidshelpline.com.au** 

**Bravehearts** offers a free telephone service providing information, counselling and support to those affected by child sexual abuse.

Call **1800 272 831** (8:30am-4:30pm AEST M-F) Visit **bravehearts.org.au** 

**Australian Childhood Foundation** provides support to children and families affected by abuse, family violence and neglect and offers counselling, therapeutic care, research activities and parenting education.

Call **1300 381 581** Visit **childhood.org.au** 

**headspace** provides free, confidential telephone or online mental health support to 12-25 year olds or their families. Visit the website to find a headspace centre in your territory.

Call **1800 650 890** Visit **headspace.org.au** 

**Reachout** is an online service that provides information, support and resources about mental health issues for young people and their parents.

Visit au.reachout.com

#### Learn more

If you are concerned about your child's mental health or behaviour, speak to your GP. Your GP can provide you with an appropriate counselling referral or further information on any of the above services and more.

### Support in your state

#### Mental Health Access Line

Is a confidential mental health triage service that provides the first point of contact to public mental health services.

Call **1300 64 2255** (Operates 24/7) Visit **qld.gov.au** 

#### 13 Health

Is a confidential phone service where registered nurses provide health assessment and advice. The service also provides Child Health support and education.

Call **13 43 25 84** (Operates 24/7) Visit **qld.gov.au** 

#### **Parentline QLD**

Is a confidential telephone service providing professional counselling and support.

Call **1300 30 1300** (8am-10pm, M-S) Visit parentline.com.au

#### Regional Intake Service

A confidential telephone service that provides support and assistance if you have concerns about a child's safety.

1300 682 254

#### Between 9am-5pm

Brisbane

South East 1300 679 849
South West 1300 683 390
Ipswich 1800 316 855
North Qld 1300 706 147
Far North Qld 1300 684 062
Central Old 1300 703 762

#### After hours

Queensland Child Safety Service 1800 177 135

Visit csyw.qld.gov.au

### Family and Child Connect / Indigenous Family and Child Connect

A free telephone service that provides information and advice and can assist in connecting you with the support you need.

Call **13 32 64** (8.30am-5.30pm, M-F) Visit familychildconnect.org.au

Please consult your General Practitioner (GP) for further information and to ask for referrals if required.

If life is in danger or a person is highly distressed, feeling unsafe and you think they are a risk to themselves, dial 000 for immediate assistance.

