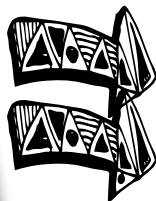


# FACTS ABOUT THE ISSUE

## FAST FACTS

- EVERY NIGHT IN AUSTRALIA **40,000 CHILDREN** SLEEP AWAY FROM HOME BECAUSE OF FEARS FOR THEIR SAFETY.
- ABUSE COSTS THE COMMUNITY UP TO **\$30 BILLION** DOLLARS ANNUALLY.
- IN 2012, THERE WERE **252,962 REPORTS** OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECEIVED ACROSS AUSTRALIA. THAT'S **693 NEW REPORTS** EVERY DAY, OR ONE EVERY TWO MINUTES.
- **32% OF CHILDREN** INVOLVED WITH THE FOUNDATION HAVE PHYSICALLY HURT THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF TRAUMA THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED.
- **42% OF CHILDREN** REFERRED TO THE FOUNDATION HAVE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES MAKING AND KEEPING FRIENDS.
- **68% OF ABUSED CHILDREN** REFERRED TO THE FOUNDATION ARE AT LEAST TWO YEARS BEHIND ACADEMICALLY.
- **56% OF FOSTER CARE CHILDREN** EXPERIENCE MORE THAN THREE DESTABILISING PLACEMENT BREAKDOWNS DUE TO THEIR CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR IN THE TWELVE MONTHS LEADING UP TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION.
- **MORE THAN 80% OF WOMEN** IN AUSTRALIAN PRISONS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND OTHER TYPES OF ABUSE IN CHILDHOOD.
- **52% OF CHILDREN** REFERRED TO THE FOUNDATION SUFFER SEVERE ANXIETY AS A RESULT OF THE TRAUMA FROM THEIR ABUSE.



## OUR IMPACT

- WE HAVE COUNSELLED MORE THAN **5000 CHILDREN** TO DEAL WITH TRAUMA FROM ABUSE. **94% OF THESE CHILDREN** EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN TRAUMA SYMPTOMS WITHIN THEIR FIRST TWELVE MONTHS WITH THE FOUNDATION.
- AT ANY ONE TIME THERE ARE **1500 CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR CARERS AND FAMILIES** RECEIVING SPECIALISED TRAUMA SUPPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION.
- WE HAVE HELPED MORE THAN **10,000 FOSTER CARERS** TO SUPPORT TRAUMATISED CHILDREN AND **86%** DO NOT EXPERIENCE BREAKDOWNS IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS AFTER COMING TO THE FOUNDATION.
- WE ARE WORKING WITH **200** OF AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST ORGANISATIONS THROUGH THE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PROGRAM TO ENSURE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE ARE SAFE.
- WE HAVE REACHED OUT AND SUPPORTED MORE THAN **200,000 PARENTS** IN THE PAST 2 YEARS.
- **92% OF SCHOOLS** REPORT THEY ARE MORE CONFIDENT RESPONDING TO TRAUMATISED CHILDREN AS A RESULT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION.
- WE HAVE TRAINED MORE THAN **30,000 HEALTH, LEGAL, WELFARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS**. AS A RESULT, **300,000 ABUSED CHILDREN** HAVE BEEN BETTER PROTECTED AND SUPPORTED.
- **88% OF FOSTER CARERS** REPORT FEELING LESS STRESSED AND MORE CONFIDENT IN KNOWING HOW TO SUPPORT AND LOOK AFTER THE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE AFTER THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION.
- **77% OF CHILDREN** CATCH UP TO THEIR AGE-APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC LEVEL AS A RESULT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION.

