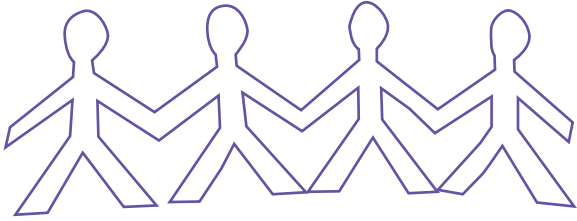


THESE ARE



OUR KIDS

The **These are our Kids** project is aimed at making sure that children and young people who have experienced family violence, or are at risk of experiencing family violence, can be provided with the supports and services they need when they need them.

RESEARCH SUMMARY

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (The Centre) is partnering with a group of philanthropists, who are committed to raising awareness about the impacts of family violence on children and young people, to identify ways of addressing the service gaps highlighted in the 2016 Victorian Royal Commission for Family Violence.

On behalf of this group and the Centre, Deloitte Access Economics undertook a review of the evidence relating to the impacts of family violence and what works for children and young people.

Their review highlighted several key themes, including the need for:

1. **Increased investment in intensive interventions** for children experiencing family violence
2. A **system-based response** for children experiencing family violence
3. **Child-focused and age-appropriate** family violence interventions
4. **Improved data collection and reporting systems** to document the prevalence and nature of the family violence experienced by children
5. **Further research** to better understand the effectiveness of existing family violence interventions for children.

The review also highlighted the potential benefits of delivering a successful intervention to children experiencing family violence, including the following economic outcomes for the Victorian community, over a twenty-year period:

- **Wellbeing:** improved quality of life through lower rates of mental illness such as depression, anxiety and PTSD resulting in benefits up to **\$28.6 million dollars**
- **Education and employment:** increased likelihood of completing Grade 12 schooling, resulting in increased earning potential by **\$6.7 million dollars** and an **avoided cost of \$1.1 million dollars** for welfare payments
- **Homelessness:** reduced likelihood of requiring out-of-home care services, leading to an **avoided cost of up to \$34.5 million dollars**
- **Justice system:** reduced likelihood of entering the justice system, leading to an **avoided cost of up to \$34.5 million dollars**
- **Health system:** reduced likelihood of entering the health system, leading to an **avoided cost of up to \$0.2 million dollars.**

