



WHO IS ACT FOR KIDS?

- ACT for Kids is a not for profit organisation who works to ensure all children have the safe and happy childhood they deserve.
- We are a parenting resource for all families and we also provide specialised counselling to help kids who have been harmed.
- ACT for Kids was incorporated in 1988 as the Abused Child Trust before a name change in 2008.





OUR OBJECTIVES

1. We will work to keep Australian kids safe.
2. We will work to speak up for kids.
3. We will work to unite Australians in support of kids.
4. We will work to value our people.
5. We will work to be a great organisation.



WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?



- Child Protection Act 1999 (Qld), says harm is *“the detrimental effect of a significant nature... on the wellbeing of a child’s physical, psychological, or emotional wellbeing.”*
- Child abuse is rarely the result of a single incident.
- Usually categorised as physical, emotional, sexual or neglect.



THE FACTS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE

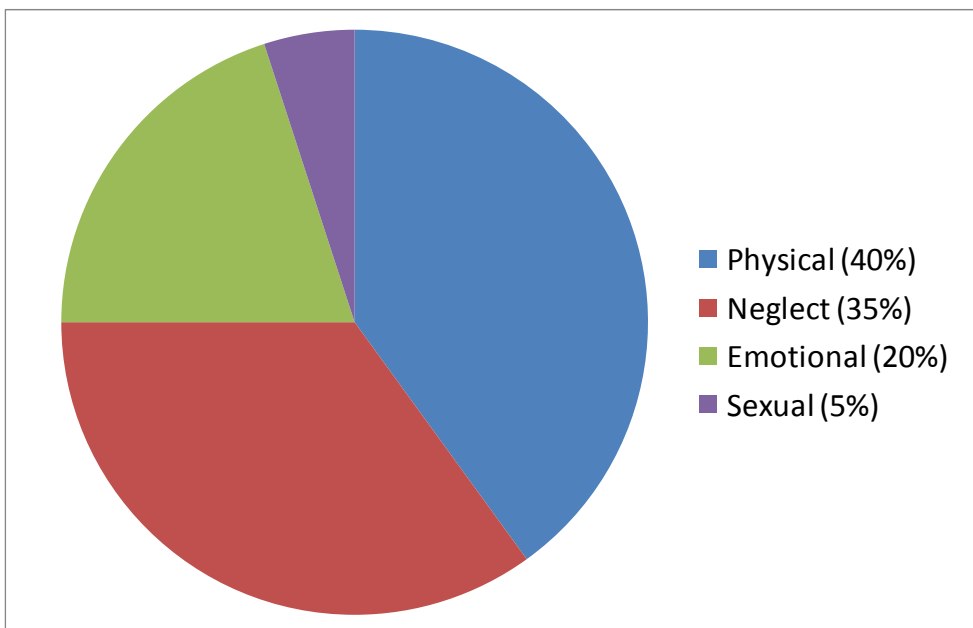


- 94% of abused kids are harmed by someone they know and trust.
- 83% of children we see are harmed by a natural parent.
- Over half the parents we see say they were abused when they were children.
- Child abuse costs the Australian economy at least \$10.7 billion.*

* Access Economics, 2008



AVERAGE % OF ABUSE CASES





ACT FOR KIDS CENTRES

- Located in Weipa, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast
- New SafeKIDS centres being built in Napranum, Aurukun, Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw
- Hub for mobile and in-home programs



SEXUAL ABUSE COUNSELLING SERVICE



- Child Safety referrals
- Stable home and willing to participate
 - Sexual harm / at risk
 - Under 12yrs - problematic sexual behaviours
- Two full-time and one part-time Psychologists
- Outreach - Townsville, Ayr, Charters Towers, Ingham, and Palm Island.



INTENSIVE THERAPY PROGRAM

- Child Safety referral
- Stable home and willing to participate
 - neglect, physical & emotional harm
- One part-time senior prac
- One part-time psychologist
- One full time psychologist
- Mostly centre based, with some outreach



EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTION



- Referrals from Child Safety
 - 12 years and under
 - Developmental, learning or social difficulties
 - Education or support plan
- Speech Language Pathologist (NSO)
- Occupational Therapist (NSO)
- Teacher (Education QLD)
- Nurse (QLD Health)



COMMUNITY AVENUE

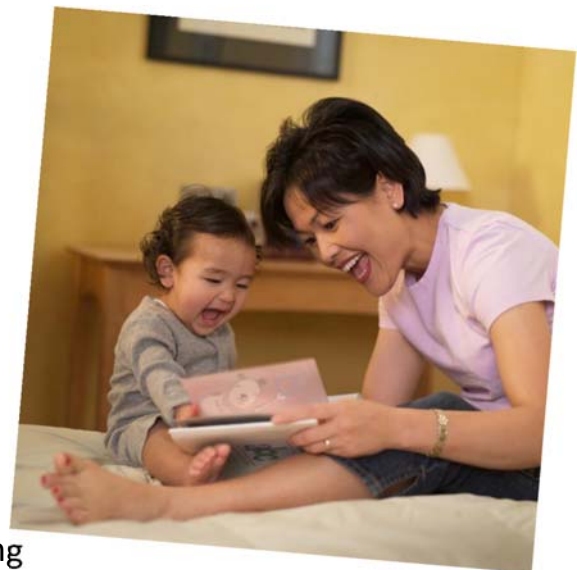


- Self Referrals from community
- Stable home and willing to participate
 - All types of abuse or neglect
- Two part-time Psychologists
- Centre Based
- Funded by Talbot Foundation



PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

- Protective Behaviour Puppets
 - Funded by Community Renewal
 - 1500 school children in 2008/2009
- You Make the Difference
 - Parent child interaction
 - Enhances environment to support children's learning
 - Program as required
- 123 MAGIC
 - 3 sessions of behaviour management and emotion coaching
 - Funded by Community Renewal
 - 40 parents in 2009





PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

- Food 4 Smiling
 - Dental health
 - Partnership with QLD Health
- Bite Size Eating
 - Strategies for fussy eaters
- Play and Talk
 - To encourage early learning and language development
- Above programs funded by Communities for Children Townsville West



THANKS FOR YOUR TIME