

ACT Budget 2021-22:

What's in it for children and families?

Families ACT's commentary



Families ACT recognises the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners and custodians of the lands of the ACT and values their continuing contribution to the local community. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

Families ACT is a territory peak, not-for-profit, organisation which advocates and works for vulnerable and marginalised children, young people and families in the ACT and surrounding region to improve their physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

We take a broad and inclusive view of what constitutes a family and strive to improve the wellbeing of all families in the ACT and surrounding region.

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This briefing provides a short summary and commentary on announcements in the 2021-22 ACT Budget which Families ACT considers particularly relevant to our members, highlighting key initiatives which Families ACT has advocated for. A more extensive list of announcements can be found at the end of the document.

Families ACT welcomes the 2021-22 ACT Budget which delivers significant funding across a wide range of areas including health care, education, community services, homelessness services, public housing and public transport. There is a strong focus on protecting the health of Canberra's community and boosting the ACT's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. A number of the announcements also fulfill election promises. We are pleased that the Government has recognised the importance of the work of community sector by providing them with substantial funding to support vulnerable children and families in the Territory. Overall, the Government needs to be congratulated on this budget as it invests in essential services, protects and creates the maximum number of jobs across the ACT, and continues to support Canberrans who need it most.

Key budget announcements affecting children and their families

Funding to expand youth homelessness support services (Safe and Connected Youth Program)

Through the 2021-22 ACT Budget, **\$7 million will be provided over four years for the Safe and Connected Youth: Coordinated Service Response Program** including:

- \$4.1 million for the operational costs of therapeutic respite accommodation
- \$2.6 million for early preservation outreach services including mediation and casework
- \$157,000 for post-exit outreach services
- \$185,000 for establishing the program.

This builds on \$1.2 million provided through the 2020-21 Fast-Track program for the refurbishment of a Housing ACT property to provide therapeutic respite accommodation for young people involved in the program.

Comments:

Families ACT warmly welcomes this news as it has long advocated for more services and interventions

for ACT's children aged in their middle years (8-15 years old)¹. This announcement supports young Canberrans aged 8 to 15 years who are at risk of homelessness or involvement with the justice system due to family conflict by establishing therapeutic respite accommodation to help them return home safely where possible. The ongoing funding of \$7 million over four years expands the Safe and Connected Youth program which has been a successful partnership between government and non-government organisations, led by the Youth Coalition of the ACT and the Canberra Rotary Club. Families ACT has been supportive of the Program from its inception and worked closely with the Youth Coalition of the ACT, advocating for an expansion of the Program as well as the establishment of a therapeutic respite accommodation facility.

Increased mental health care funding for children and their families

The 2021-22 ACT Budget includes \$10.3 million to provide a more timely, supportive and accessible mental health system for young people and their families in the ACT including:

- \$7.5 million for **a phased implementation of an integrated face-to-face and digital mental care for young people** via an online platform delivered through the Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST) program developed by Orygen,
- \$851,000 for CatholicCare's Youth and Wellbeing program to provide a **multidisciplinary outreach service that supports young people (12-25 years) living with mental health concerns**.
- **\$169,000 for Parentline** to provide more support for parents, through phone referrals, counselling, face-to-face sessions and regular phone 'check-ins'.

Comments:

Families ACT welcomes the announcement to provide a more timely, supportive and accessible mental health system for young people and their families, especially the multidisciplinary outreach service for young people provided by one of our members, CatholicCare. We are also pleased about the funding of Parentline which provides much needed support for parents in the ACT.

While this increase in mental health care funding for children and their families is welcome, we would like to see a more comprehensive approach from the government addressing the chronic shortage of accessible mental health supports and services for children in their middle years (8 – 15 years). We know that children experience a substantial drop in their self-perceived wellbeing and happiness between Years 4 and 7.²

¹ Families ACT 2019-2020 Budget submission: The Missing Middle: supporting middle years children in the ACT. Available at: <https://www.familiesact.org.au/s/The-Missing-Middle-FACT-2019-20-Budget-Submission.pdf>

² Thomson et al., 2018: 'Measuring social-emotional development in middle childhood: The Middle Years Development Instrument', Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, vol. 55, pp. 107-118.

For many middle years children, this is linked to mental health issues, with at least 50 per cent of adult mental health problems emerging by the age of 14³ and three quarters by the age of 25.⁴

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, acknowledging the wrongs of the past and working towards reconciliation remain key priorities for the ACT Government. Initiatives in the 2021-22 Budget supporting further progress include among others:

- more than **\$15 million to deliver a purpose-built facility with the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation on their current premises in Wanniasa;**
- \$311,000 to end adverse experiences of young First Nations people in the ACT child protection system by establishing **an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Commissioner.**

Comments:

Families ACT is delighted about the funding of a new building for the Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation, on their current premises in Wanniasa. We have supported our member’s repeated request for new premises which will allow them to expand and deliver their services in a fit-for-purpose setting.

Families ACT also welcomes the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Commissioner working to end adverse experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children in the ACT child protection system.

Funding for public education

The 2021-22 Budget provides additional support for the public education system, with a focus on further improving equity and inclusion. New initiatives include:

- \$12.5 million over four years for the *Set up for Success: An Early Childhood Strategy for the ACT*, enabling the **provision of free education to 500 priority three-year-olds for two days per week, 48 weeks per year;**
- more than \$5 million per year in **additional funding for 42 full-time learning professionals and support staff** to meet recent growth in the ACT school system;
- recruiting **22 additional youth and social workers by 2024-25** to support teachers, students, and families across ACT public schools;
- investing **\$9.1 million to continue the Muliyan Off-Campus Flexible Learning program to support 30 vulnerable students** and continuing to provide culturally safe supports for

³ Kessler et al., 2005: Lifetime prevalence and age-of-onset distributions of DSM-IV disorders in the National Comorbidity Survey Replication, Archives of General Psychiatry, vol. 62, pp. 593-602.

⁴ McGorry et al, 2014: ‘Cultures for mental health care of young people: an Australian blueprint for reform’, The Lancet Psychiatry, vol. 1, no. 7, pp. 559-568.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are disengaged or disengaging with education.

Comments:

Families ACT welcomes the additional support for our public education system, in particular the provision of free education to 500 three-year-olds for two days per week, 48 weeks per year. We congratulate the ACT Government pushing ahead with free pre-school arrangements in the ACT especially as the Federal Government has not been active in this area. While we note the increase in scholarships for early childhood educators in this budget, we would like to see future funding to support all early childhood educators through professional development opportunities and supports. The Government should also consider funding policies encouraging a greater number of non-for-profit (NFP) pre-school providers as well as improving the access to culturally safe early education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Families ACT also welcomes the funding of 22 additional youth workers, social workers, and learning professionals / support staff positions who will be placed within schools.

Affordable and Public Housing

The ACT Government invests \$100m in the ACT Budget 2021-22 for affordable and public housing to provide essential housing for low income Canberrans at risk of homelessness. This package aims to improve social housing and housing affordability for Canberrans as part of the ACT Housing Strategy, with a broad range of measures, to address the unique and complex challenges that exist in the housing market. It includes:

- An **additional \$80 million for public housing maintenance** over the next three years. This funding will ensure that public housing tenants live in safe and secure houses that suit their individual needs.
- **\$19 million in additional funding for the Growing and Renewing Public Housing program**, taking the total budget funding over the next four years to \$96 million to support delivering the Government's commitment to add 400 additional public housing dwellings and renew another 1,000 properties.

Comments:

In line with our [policy brief](#), we applaud the ACT Government's investment of \$100 million to improve social housing and housing affordability for Canberrans. We also approve of the additional \$80 million for public housing maintenance and the additional \$19 million for the Growing and Renewing Public Housing program. We will continue to advocate for stable, affordable housing options in the ACT as this is an essential element in people feeling connected and able to contribute to their community.

Safer Families Levy

The challenges of the past 18 months have highlighted the need for ongoing investments and societal change to counter domestic and family violence. In light of the importance and ongoing need for investment to address this issue, the Government will increase the Safer Families Levy by \$5 per year over four years, taking the Levy from \$30 per household currently to \$50 per household by 2024-25, raising a total of \$30 million over the next four years. These increases will fund the enhancement of a range of initiatives including:

- continuing the innovative Family Violence Safety Action Pilot to meet increased demand to support the needs of high-risk families;
- continuing to **support frontline domestic violence and rape crisis services to address sustained demand**;
- increase capacity for the Family Violence Safety Action Pilot to respond to high-risk situations of domestic and family violence by sharing information to identify, assess and manage risk. The Pilot also provides case management, case coordination and support for individuals and families.

Comments:

Families ACT supports the Government's decision to increase the Safer Families Levy by \$5 per year over the next four years raising a total of \$30 million by 2025. However, we would like to see more detail of how the \$30 million will be spent. We note that frontline domestic violence and rape crisis services are allocated additional funding in 2021-22 reflecting the increase in demand due to COVID-19.⁵ For the following year however the funding seems to revert from \$759,000 to a much-reduced level of \$458,000, yet the impacts of COVID-19 are likely to result in sustained service demand over the coming years.

Justice reforms and human rights

Building on recent reforms, the 2021-22 Budget provides additional funding of \$60 million for a range of initiatives with the aim of making our justice system even more progressive, accessible and equitable. Funding is also being provided to further support the welfare of Canberrans interacting with the justice system, as well as enhancing human rights compliance more broadly.

Major initiatives in the 2021-22 Budget supporting further progress in this area include:

- **Providing \$795,000 to progress reforms to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from the current minimum of ten years of age⁶;**

⁵ ACT Budget 2021-22 Outlook, page 156

⁶ ACT Budget 2021-22 Outlook, page 196

- **upgrades to the Galambany Circle Sentencing court room**, which is used to provide culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants.

Comments:

Families ACT applauds the ACT's Government ongoing commitment to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from the current minimum of 10 to 14 years of age. We know that attention to prevention and early intervention during the middle years of a child (8-15 years) is essential to keeping young children out of the justice system. Funding of well-evidenced, wraparound services and supports such as the Safe and Connected Youth Program provide the prerequisite foundation on which these important reforms can be built.

Families ACT will continue working with Government and our sector partners to improve the way we support children and their families in the ACT.

Summary of budget announcements affecting children and families

The table below provides more detail of the budget announcements Families ACT has identified as affecting children and their families. This list is not exhaustive. For more information on all the budget announcements, please refer to the [ACT Governments budget 2021-22 papers](#).

For a comprehensive overview and analysis of budget announcements affecting young people (12-25 year olds), please refer to the [Youth Coalition of the ACT's budget response](#) document.

For a comprehensive overview and analysis of spending across the broader ACT community, please refer to the [ACTCOSS Budget Bulletin 2021-22](#).

Selected ACT budget 2021-22 budget announcements

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- \$185,000 for establishing the program.

This builds on \$1.2 million provided through the 2020-21 Fast-Track program for the refurbishment of a Housing ACT property to provide therapeutic respite accommodation for young people involved in the program.

Increased mental health care funding for children and their families

In addition to the already announced community and mental health COVID-19 support package of \$3.6 million, the 2021-22 ACT Budget includes \$10.3 million to provide a more timely, supportive and accessible mental health system for young people and their families in the ACT, as well as funding to expand and improve alcohol and other drug services.

- \$7.5 million for a phased implementation of an integrated face-to-face and digital mental care for young people through an online platform delivered through the Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST) program developed by Orygen,
- \$982,000 to expand the existing Needle and Syringe Program and to explore options for a medically supervised drug consumption facility, including the development of a suitable service model and a potential location.
- \$851,000 for Catholic Care's Youth and Wellbeing program to provide multidisciplinary outreach service that supports young people (12-25 years) living with mental health concerns.
- \$503,000 to commence design work to deliver a new community-led alcohol and other drug and mental health treatment precinct. The includes design work for a new Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander residential alcohol and other drug rehabilitation facility in partnership with Winnunga Nimmityjah and for the redevelopment of the Ted Noffs Foundation and CatholicCare facilities in Watson.

- \$169,000 for Parentline to provide more support for parents, through phone referrals, counseling, face-to-face sessions and regular phone ‘check-ins’.

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, acknowledging the wrongs of the past and working towards reconciliation remain key priorities for this Government. Initiatives in the 2021-22 Budget supporting further progress include:

- establishing the \$20 million Healing and Reconciliation Fund;
- funding of \$920,000 for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business support package;
- more than \$15 million for the construction of a purpose-built facility for Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation; and
- the establishment of an Office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Commissioner.

For more details, please read the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Budget Statement 2021-22](#).

Funding for public education

The 2021-22 Budget provides additional support for our public education system, with a focus on further improving equity and inclusion, consistent with *the Future of Education – An ACT education strategy* for the next ten years. New initiatives include:

- \$12.5 million over four years for the *Set up for Success: An Early Childhood Strategy for the ACT*, enabling the provision of free education to 500 priority three-year-olds for two days per week, 48 weeks per year;
- providing additional resources for gender equality coaching, professional learning and the provision of materials to support inclusion, and to improve work health and safety and address occupational violence incidents in ACT public schools;
- more than \$5 million per year in additional funding for 42 full-time learning professionals and support staff to meet recent growth in the ACT school system;
- recruiting more qualified teacher librarians to assist with the delivery of the ACT public school curriculum at student, classroom and school levels;
- recruiting 25 additional youth and social workers by 2024-25 to support teachers, students, and families across ACT public schools;
- continuing the School Legal Liaison pilot program to provide college students and their families with greater access to legal services and education on legal issues;
- investing \$9.1 million to continue the Muliyan Off-Campus Flexible Learning program to support 30 vulnerable students and continuing to provide culturally safe supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are disengaged or disengaging with education;



- funding for a review of education for students with a disability in ACT public schools and to develop an inclusion strategy, in consultation with the community, including students and their families;
- delivery of a Headstart pilot program to provide 50 senior secondary school students with the opportunity to complete an apprenticeship and extend their ACT senior secondary certification by year;
- \$12.9 million over four years for a Future of Education Equity fund to provide grants to disadvantaged families to support them to meet their educational expenses and deliver a two-year trial at five schools to provide breakfast and lunch for students three days a week;
- continuing to provide all new ACT public school students in years 7 to 12 with access to a personal device to support their learning and providing free internet access for secondary students requiring support.

New and expanded schools

During 2021-22, a range of education infrastructure projects will continue to be delivered. Two new schools will open in coming years – a primary school in Throsby in 2022 and a high school in Kenny in 2023. This will be followed by the opening of the high school campus of Evelyn Scott School in Molonglo in 2023, and a high school in Taylor in 2024. Work will also continue on upgrading Campbell Primary School and expanding the Amaroo School Senior Campus and Franklin Early Childhood School.

The 2021-22 Budget includes significant further investment in maintaining and improving existing schools, planning for future school infrastructure needs, and progressing the development of new school facilities.

New initiatives include:

- \$99 million over four years to improve the amenity, functionality and inclusivity of schools, including replacing end-of-life heating systems and roofs, improving the thermal comfort of schools, installing solar and battery energy storage systems, and providing bike storage facilities;
- \$15 million over four years to accelerate the removal of hazardous materials from ACT public schools;
- progressing works to expand the Margaret Hendry Primary School and construct a new high school in Taylor;
- to modernise and expand Garran Primary School; and design works for a new primary school in Strathnairn;
- continuing to plan and design the modernisation of Narrabundah College to meet the needs of future students, teachers and the community;
- \$19.8 million for the installation of new Modular Learning Centres across Canberra to meet projected enrolment growth; and
- \$12.5 million for feasibility studies, master planning and forward design works for new and expanded schools in the Inner South, the Inner North, Molonglo and Central Belconnen regions and for specialist school services in the north of Canberra.



During 2021-22, the ongoing delivery and extension of a range of programs, including the CIT Woden project, will ensure the continued growth and delivery of the VET and higher education sectors.

Affordable and Public Housing

The ACT Government invests \$100m in the ACT Budget 2021-22 for affordable and public housing to provide essential housing for low income Canberrans at risk of homelessness. This package aims to improve social housing and housing affordability for Canberrans as part of the ACT Housing Strategy, with a broad range of measures, to address the unique and complex challenges that exist in the housing market.

It includes:

- An additional \$80 million for public housing maintenance over the next three years. This funding will ensure that public housing tenants live in safe and secure houses that suit their individual needs.
- \$19 million in additional funding for the Growing and Renewing Public Housing program, taking the total budget funding over the next four years to \$96 million to support delivering the Government's commitment to add 400 additional public housing dwellings and renew another 1,000 properties.
- \$720,000 over four years to enable expressions of interest to build and operate long-term rental accommodation through the Build-to-Rent scheme on nominated land release sites in Turner and Lawson.
- \$640,000 for stage 1 of the Build to Rent model, that focuses on affordable and secure rental housing, on the existing Common Ground site in Gungahlin. This includes due diligence, site feasibility investigations and concept design.

Restructuring financial support and negotiating a long-term agreement with Community Housing Canberra Limited to manage affordable rentals on behalf of the government.

Safer Families Levy

The challenges of the past 18 months have highlighted the need for ongoing investments and societal change to counter domestic and family violence.

In light of the importance and ongoing need for investment to address this issue, the Government will increase the Safer Families Levy by \$5 per year over four years, taking the Levy from \$30 per household currently to \$50 per household by 2024-25, raising a total of \$30 million over the next four years. These increases will fund the enhancement of a range of initiatives that are having a real impact for people experiencing domestic and family violence, including:

- additional resourcing of \$4.1 million for the Health Justice Partnership so that pregnant women and new families at risk of domestic and family violence can continue to receive safe and confidential legal support in a hospital or healthcare setting;
- continuing the innovative Family Violence Safety Action Pilot to meet increased demand to support the needs of high-risk families;
- women's safety grants of \$400,000 to advance priorities in the Fourth Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022;



- continuing to support frontline domestic violence and rape crisis services to address sustained demand; and
- implementation of an ACT Domestic and Family Violence Risk Assessment and Management Framework and ongoing work to develop common tools and practices.

In late 2021, the landmark Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Steering Committee will deliver its final report to the ACT Government outlining key recommendations to inform our whole-of-Territory response to prevent and address sexual assault in our community.

Justice reforms and human rights

Building on recent reforms, the 2021-22 Budget provides additional funding of \$60 million for a range of initiatives with the aim of making our justice system even more progressive, accessible and equitable. Funding is also being provided to further support the welfare of Canberrans interacting with the justice system, as well as enhancing human rights compliance more broadly.

Major initiatives in the 2021-22 Budget supporting further progress in this area include:

- \$7.2 million in support for the Victim Services Scheme and the Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme to strengthen counselling and financial assistance programs offered to eligible victims of crime;
- additional support for the Human Rights Commission, including enhancing its capacity to respond to an increasing number and range of complaints and to meet the growth in demand for the Official Visitors Scheme;
- funding to continue the ACT Intermediary Program, which supports vulnerable witnesses to give evidence to police and in ACT Magistrates and Supreme Courts;
- strengthening support for the Legal Aid Commission to meet increased demand for the Commission's services;
- funding to ensure community-based legal assistance organisations, including the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Canberra Community Law, CARE Inc and the Environmental Defenders Office, can maintain service delivery levels;
- \$17.8 million to continue the Drug and Alcohol Court, which aims to rehabilitate high risk and high need offenders, and protect the community, by providing health and justice interventions, while holding people to account for their behaviour;
- progressing reforms to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from the current minimum of ten years of age;
- \$1.3 million to continue the Therapeutic Care Court, which aims to achieve outcomes in the best interest of children and young people by providing intensive management and therapeutic support to parents involved in care and protection matters;
- support for the ACT Supreme Court to provide Criminal Case Conferencing, which encourages negotiated settlements and improves the overall efficacy of the criminal justice process;
- \$3.8 million for the establishment of a dedicated Coroner's Court for the ACT and additional resourcing for a Special Magistrate to help clear the backlog of cases in the Magistrate's Court;



- upgrades to the Galambany Circle Sentencing court room, which is used to provide culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants;
- continued support for the Intensive Corrections Order (ICO) scheme, which was established as an alternative sentencing approach in 2016; and
- funding for critical repair and enhancement works and to install a second body scanner at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) and continue planning for the long-term accommodation needs of the AMC.

**COVID-19 outbreak support funding
(not discussed in detail above, but includes some announcements affecting our members as well as children and families)**

The ACT Government makes significant investments in the 2021-22 ACT Budget to support the city through one of its toughest periods. The \$26 million package ensures that those in the community who are most in need will receive support in response to the city's current COVID-19 outbreak and will continue to receive support in the years to come.

The package includes:

- \$8.6 million over three years to expand the capacity of existing services including specialist homelessness programs that commenced operation during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \$4.0 million over four years to increase the community sector indexation rate applied to annual grants funding. This will assist community organisations to help them meet higher wage costs following the recent Fair Work Commission decision to increase the national minimum wage and all award wages by 2.5 per cent.
- Additional funding of \$3.5 million over four years to local volunteer groups to help maintain and improve our iconic landscape. More funding will also be allocated to expand the ACT Environment Grants and to fund an additional ParkCare ranger in Canberra's north.
- \$2.5 million over the next four years to maintain and strengthen Legal Aid's capacity to represent, support and assist vulnerable members of the Canberra community. This includes front-line service support for victims of family violence and the elderly, and for vulnerable witnesses.
- \$2.2 million over the next four years for a culturally appropriate program to focus on suicide prevention, intervention, postvention and aftercare tailored for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.
- \$2.0 million over four years to support crucial services delivered by the Community Legal Assistance Sector including the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT, Canberra Community Law, CARE Inc, the Environmental Defenders Office, and the Women's Legal Centre ACT.
- \$762,000 over four years to allow the Children and Young People Equipment Loan Service (CAYPELS) to continue and to develop a service planning model to inform the future operation of the service. It will also allow for the purchase and replenishment of specialised paediatric equipment.
- Additional funding of \$623,000 over four years for A Gender Agenda to continue their work with vulnerable trans, gender diverse and intersex Canberrans. This includes peer



support, intersex specific project work and the peer-based navigation and information service, The Friday Centre.

- \$570,000 to support vulnerable people in the multicultural community, including an additional \$180,000 for the Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Humanitarian program to provide financial assistance for its clients who hold an ACT Services Access Card and to support the resettlement of refugees, asylum seekers and humanitarian entrants living in the ACT; \$137,000 for emergency, material and aid services; \$135,000 to support COVID-19 messaging; and \$118,000 to support a community partnership to provide emergency payments to vulnerable families.
- \$509,000 for the pandemic response team to continue implementing the ACT Government Community Recovery Roadmap. This initiative builds on recent Government actions in this area including the 2020-21 Health COVID-19 Response initiative.
- \$311,000 to end adverse experiences of young First Nations people in the ACT child protection system by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Commissioner.
- Funding of \$184,000 in 2021-22 to develop a model of care for five additional supported accommodation homes to support people living with enduring mental illness to live safely and well in the community.
- An additional \$100,000 to support ongoing access to emergency food relief for those in need.

