



# Acknowledgement of Country

# Ngala kaaditj Whadjuk Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja

Parkerville Children and Youth Care respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of their culture, land and waters on which we work, live, and meet.

> We pay our respect to all Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, traditions, and cultural knowledge of Aboriginal Australia.



### **Meeting Place**

Yarning circle Culturally safe place to meet.



# Circular Holistic Approach

Each child is supported, each family is supported from beginning to end to provide a circular connected approach.



### **Walking Together**

Joined paths represent walking this journey together and supporting the many different pathways for each child.





## Healing

Leaves and flowers represent the healing and growth that can happen through love and support.



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### **U Shapes**

Represent all clients, participants, staff, parents, children and community.

# Our Data/Our 'Why' if you like...

# Our Impact

13,170

In the past year, our services have made a profound difference in the lives of countiess children, young people, and their families. Through our dedicated programs and support systems, we have reached 13,178 children and young people. Indigen them overcome challenges and providing them with the tools and care they need to thrive. Our connitiment to delivering compassionate, evidence based support continues to empower those in our care, ensuring they have the apportunity to build fingitise futures.



790

Children impacted by child sexual abuse, family and domestic violence and/or homeside supported in our Child, Youth & Family Centres.



126

We supported 126 children and young people impacted by homeleanness.

29% sive participated in old



8,163

Children and parents attended early Intervention Sessions held at Child and Parent Centres.



5,759

Support sessions were provided to children affected by child sexual abuse, favvily and domestic violence, and/or homicide at our Data, Youth & Family Centres.



72%

Of AYAS clients reported an increase in their knowledge of alcohol and other thugs (ACC)

65% telt they had gained a better understanding of the risk and protective factors associated with AOO use. helping them to delay, prevent, or reduce have to young people.



3648

Children and parents attended a health appointment at our Child and Parent Centres.





85%

Of children and young people maintained regular contact with their families and connection to culture and community while in care, supporting steps towards



10%\*

Of children and young people were secretified with their families of or being in care.



24

Students participated in our Education, Employment and Touring (EET) Program and 100% graduated with their Certificate II in General Education.





96%

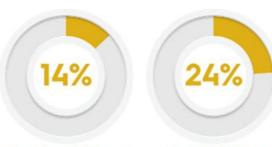




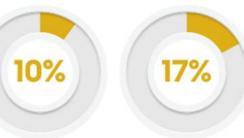


Our ongoing research into the challenges faced by the children, young people and families we support has yielded significant findings. This investigation highlights the prevalent issues impacting our community, providing valuable insights that will guide our continued efforts to address these needs effectively.

In 2023/24, we categorised the Adverse Childhood Experiences of our clients as follows:







Neglect





Parental drug or Alcohol use

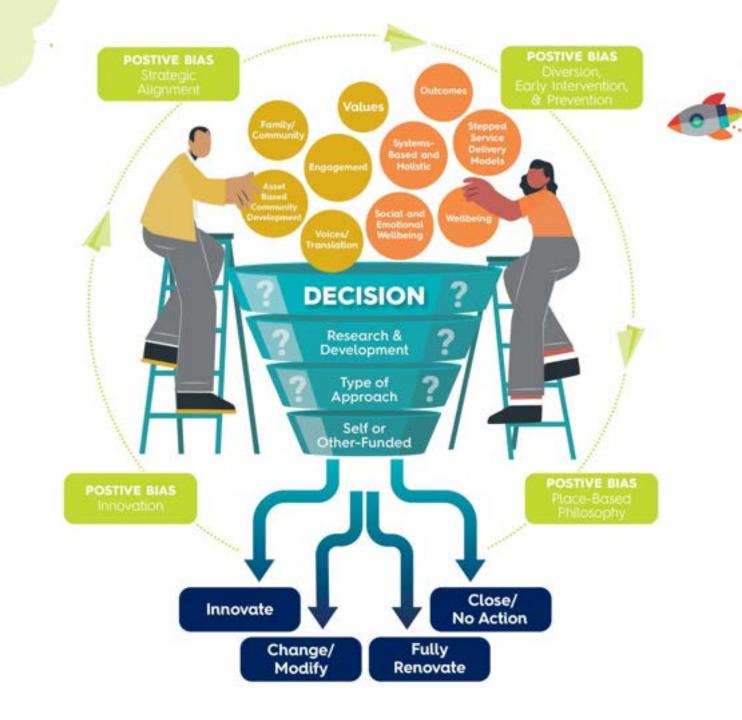
# **Nudging the System**



# Expecting a Different Outcome







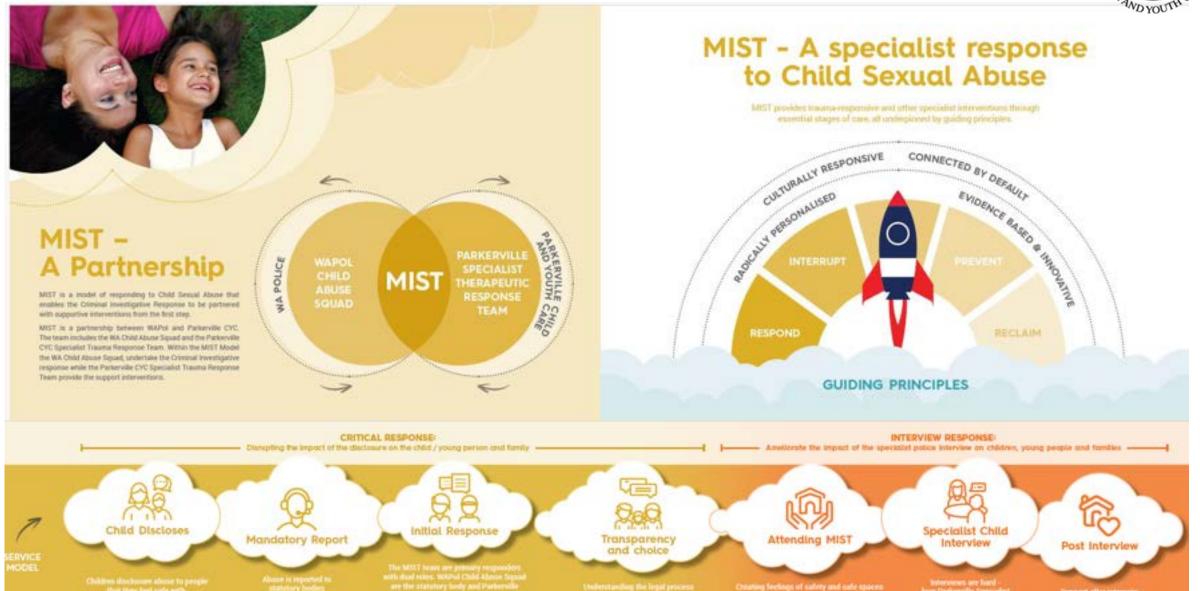


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Constellations to meet children, young people and family needs



# MIST- 2025 version





the home

White Tonji's Gran to

a tour of the home.

bedroom, Sally lets:

them know that this is

his personal space now

and he can choose how

he would like it to look

Sally suggests he and

his Gran have a think

day or so they will all

down, look at some

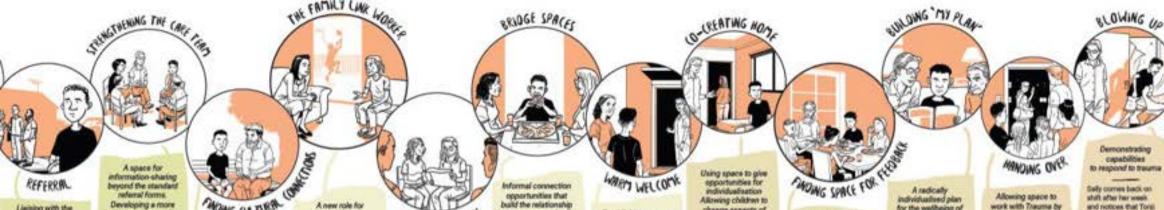
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options on the internet

and then go shopping

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When they get to Turp's



build the relationship

between carers, family

and community

As Swify and Gran get to

know each other, Sally

decides she, Gran and

then go out for Pizza.

Sally hears about where

Gran grewrup, and Gran

she got into caring in the

need to be there this time.

with Tong, Gran and Sally

afterwards to check how

first place. Jodi doesn't

but she still checks in

things wert.

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Torst could do something

together: so the three of

Liaining with the Department to extabilish the journey

Toriji in 10 years and has only been in pare for 12 months. His mum. Shandele, has been in and out of domestic violence relationships and battling her alcohol use, his has been living with his grandmother but it's falling apart because of her ill health and his increasing needs Tonji will soon join one of Parkerville's family group homes in Armadale to be near his

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supports them to agree

on a shared purpose

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and how they will work

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Jodi is the Family Link Worker at Perhacytle, and when Torp is referred, site. immediately sees the potential for connectain with Torgi's Gran who is very involved, but does not have the capacity

A new role for

facilitating safe

connection

to supporting Tonji day-to-day, it will be her rolle to facilitate the relationships between Perkerville's staff and Toroi's family and to find the creative opportunities that both create connection and

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menage risk.

Establishing relationships and trust and bringing some

control to the people in

a child's life

Jodi and the care team agree that a connection between Gren and Sally is a good idea. Jodi organises for the three of them to go out for coffee. These first bridge building sessions cen be tense and Jodimust carefully facilitate Torgits Grain brings one of Torqu's favourtee posters and tells the group about how Torig reacts when he is stressed, Salts, York's caret soks about his

routine and the things

that make him happy

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WE KNOW THAT IT HELPS THE PRINCIPAL TO CHE IF FATALY ME

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Gran and Torp arrive at the home and are greated by Gally: Torol Feets ready sowed and doesn't want to go, but Green is here and that helps, it's not always possible for safety reasons for the fairnly to know where the care home is but Torg's situation allows it.

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a child, centred on

connection

'My Play' that he has

been working on with

Safe: It is really visual.

share with Gran what

its purpose in and how

take about the things

add more of, what's

missing and what is

most important to him.

Together, they work on

people in Tonits life can

him feel good and what

he thinks about for his

ways that Gran, Sally

and other important

support what makes

as there - what he would

and Sally and Jodi

& will be used. Torpl

Every Thursday night, the kids have a special disear. (They get to choose what they have.) At dinner Sally woks them three **GUERTON** 

- you've loved about this week? 2. What's one thing
- that's been hard?

1. What's one thing

3. What's one thing we can do better? Torgiteds Sally that he were upperfulbourt not being able to invite his friend to plac. They agree to work out some

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work with Trauma by introducing shorter shift spane

The Thursday right dinner is also the time that Sally's shift gets handed over, Sally is at the end of her 7-day shift; and Cameron to coming to be in the house. The kids love Carrieron's stuped jokes, but they are always a bit said to not see Saily for a week

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and notices that Yorgi. young people Part of Tonil's struggling is eigliained by his recent ADHO diagnosis Tongl's Carcle have noted That carers require customized training in this space to better support his needs. The Mundalving Belde Co-ordinator receives a referral and arranges for specialised content dimowledge and skills) to be provided to Sally and the team via coaching in the horse.

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# The 'Our Way Home' model





# Our Way Home

Our Way Home (OWH) is a groundbreaking, award-winning model of out-of-home care that prioritises maintaining and strengthening connections between children, their families. communities and culture. At its core, OWH is a radically personalised shared care model

designed with restoration as the ultimate goal-whether through safe family reunification or stable, long-term shared care arrangements built on trust and collaboration between the child, their family and their carer.

Each child's journey is uniquely tailored to their circumstances, needs, cultural identity and aspirations, ensuring that restoration happens at a pace and in a way that best supports their well-being. OWH also introduces innovative staff roles and creative tools, backed by practice guides, to foster a fundamental shift in mindset - one that recognises families as equal partners in the caregiving process.



# Principles

Our Way Home has four Driving Principles, embedded from strategy to ground-level practice to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people:



### Radically Personalised

The experience for each child is driven by their personal needs and preferences with a view to the time that they are no longer in care. We are flexible enough to change ourselves to deliver choice and control.



Respect for and connection to Aboriginal Culture is central to our work. and is given equal weighting to clinical practice.



We cannot support children if we do not also support families and communities - out-of-home care is shared care, and Parkerville. plays an active role in facilitating safe family restoration.



### Heart First, then Head and Hands:

Radically personalised shared care cannot be achieved without a strong, skilled workforce with aligned values, and responsive systems to support them.





# 5 Pillars

Five pillars - Safe, Connected, Thriving, Equipped Dream Early evidence from Parkerville's Outcomes Framework shows that children and young people are reporting particularly strong ratings under Safe ("I feel I have a say in my home life"). Connected ("I have the people I want in my life") and Thriving ("I do things that I enjoy").



10%\*

Of children and young people were reunified with their families after being in care.



85%

Of children and young people maintained regular contact with their families and connection to culture and community while in care, supporting steps towards reunification.



Children and young people were provided a safe place to live through Our Way Home, including Foster Care. Group Foster Care and Temporary Care Homes.

# Sharing the model, and our learning

The Co-Design process to develop Our Way Home involved direct engagement with 250 people, resulting in a truly innovative re-imagining of out-of-home care.

Parkerville, with the model's co-design partner innovation. Unit ANZ, won the 2023 Good Design Award Gold in Social Impact for Dur Way Home, for seeking to transform out-ofhome care by empowering children, young people, and their families with more choice and control, fostering connections between carers and children's families of origin.

 We have shared the model freely and openly, including presenting at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Canada 2022 Congress, and at the 2025 FRSA National Child-Inclusive Practice Forum in Canberra. We will also be presenting Our Way Home at the ISPCAN 2025. Congress ( "Child Well-being in a Changing Reality"), held this year in Lithuania.

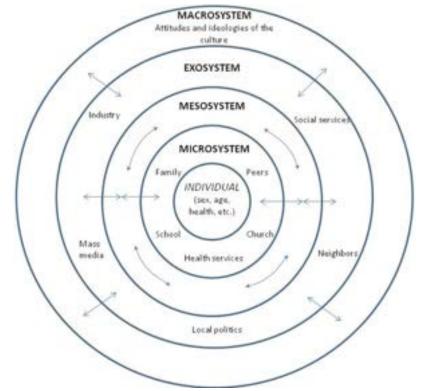
Maybe get good wifi and a better air conditioner



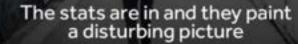








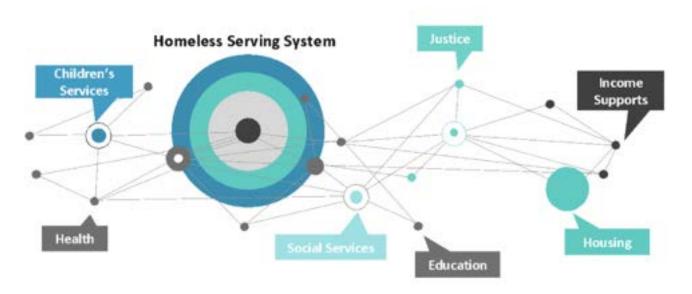
# WE NEED TO DO BETTER TO BEAT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



The extent of homelessness for children in Australia represents a shocking failure of public policy. In 2022-23, more than 76,000 children under the age of 18 sought help from homelessness services. Of these children, almost 16,000 approached homelessness services alone, unaccompanied by a parent or caregiver, many fleeing violence or neglect at home. Approximately 60,000 children sought help as part of a family group.



# Some key components of the homelessness ecosystem





# Nudging the System: Ruby's Reunification Program

Parky's commitment to diverting young people 12-17 from becoming homeless



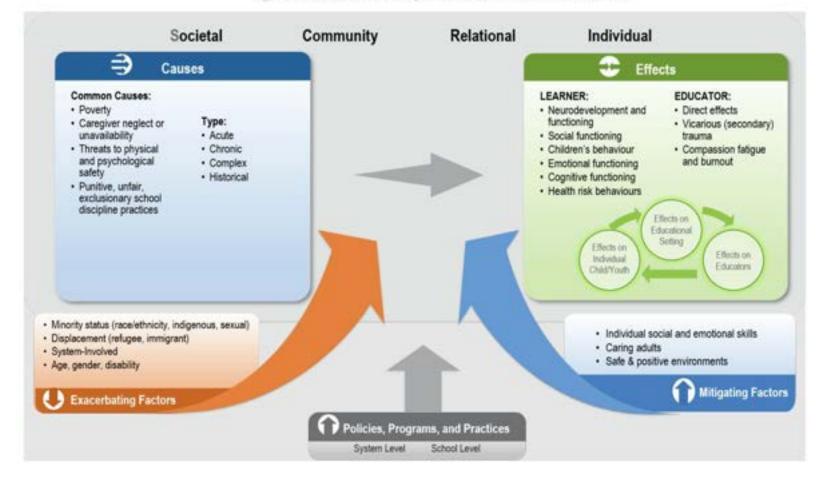
# **NEXT HORIZON**

Systems issues: Children and Young people who have experienced trauma vs educational outcomes.



Figure 1. The effects of adversity and/or trauma on educational outcomes







"All the children and young people we see are superstars.

Our job is to guide them towards seeing themselves as being valued, important, smart, funny, incredibly gifted, and so much more than just what has happened to them."

Kim Brooklyn

CEO, Parkerville Children and Youth Care

