

Homes and Institutions (All) in Victoria.
I was in care from 1957-1971

St Anthony's Children's Home. (2x admissions).

I was 4 years old when I was put into care. The reason was that my parents had separated. This home was run by the Catholic Church.(Sisters of St Joseph).

Allambie Childrens Receiving Depot.

Was made a ward of the State.(8 years old).The Victorian Government ran this Home.

St Catherines Childrens Home.

Transferred here for long term care. During my time here (6 years). I was abused sexually, physically & psychologically. Beatings were constantly given for wetting the bed, not eating maggoty food etc. Sexually abused by a nun (Sister [REDACTED]) in my bed twice. Also a priest in his house which was on the grounds of the Home. When I absconded, I had to sat goodbye to my siblings and was told we would not see each other again. This home was run by the Sisters of Mercy (Catholic Church).

Winlaton Youth Training Centre for Girls.

On admission, was told to strip off all my clothes, in front of male Police who took me there. I had 4 admissions here, I experienced the same thing each time. I was taken to a clinic and internally examined, after being subjected to be held down (no nurse) only a male Doctor. I was only 14 years old (never been sexually active).Also they made me take the drug Largactil, no reason was given to me. This home was run by the Victorian Government.

St Aidans Girls Training Centre.

Transferred here, I had a fair education, but has to correspondence, which was only 3 hours a day. The rest of the time was spent working in the Industrial laundry, up to 5 hours a day .We were punished with a beating if we spoke in the Dining room, Dormitory, bathroom etc.

My spirit was broken, when I was put in a room, made to strip off my clothes, was not given any food until midnight for something I had not done. I was taken to see a Psychiatrist and put on medication (reason unknown).I then absconded.

After absconding I went to Melbourne to see a friend, but she was not there. I went to St Albans Police Station ,where the officer sexually assaulted me. I told the police Woman at Flemington, they of course did not believe me. Transferred back to Winlaton.

Pirra Girls Home.

Finished my education here. I become depressed here and absconded again, back to Winlaton. Still a Ward of the State. Home run by the Victorian Government.

Home released to my mother because I had not seen her for a few years and because of being in Institutions it did not work out. Was put back in the system.

Swinbourn Lodge Girls Hostel.

Transferred here because I could not start work (15 year old). I become depressed and was taken to a Mental Hospital. The Salvation Army ran this Hostel.

Royal park Psychiatric hospital.

Here was where I was sexually and physically abused by a male nurse. I was in a single room, so nobody knew this was happening, I tried to speak to the Matron, but was not believed, so I absconded (but was bought back).

Plenty Mental Hospital.

They sent me here because the Doctors said I was mentally disturbed (no wonder!!).

St Vincents Hospital (St Dumpnas Psychiatric Ward).

I spent 3-4 months here. It was here they gave me Abreaction Treatment, which consists of injections of L.S.D. It was experimental then. It was given without my consent. (Probably because I was still a Ward of the State). Very scary stuff.

St Vincents Girls Hostel.

During my time there I experienced a lot of physical and psychological abuse. The Matron would shake me or beat me when I had a seizure. She also refused to give me my medication. It got so bad my Social Worker had to take me away from there. This place was run by the Catholic Church.

Mont Park Mental Hospital.

I am now 16 years old, it was for long term treatment. When you see all the homes and Institutions I was in it would be obvious why I become disturbed with all the abuse I received while I was incarcerated all those years.

I could write and tell you another 100 times of abuse but I would be here to kingdom come. Since I left the system (18 years of age) I come off Wardship. I have had a lot of Psychiatric Treatment over a period of 42 years. During my years in School I become Dux of the school, so believe the system caused me as an adult, to find life outside of the system very complicated. I found it hard to be a wife and a mother, to give love which I never had and didn't know how. I know I have forgotten a lot of things and suppressed a lot, but this is my submission.

I would like to see the Victorian Government have a re-dress and compensate me for what I experienced in the Welfare System of the day, as a child and as an adult and the Church's Authoritys for Compensation.

