

2022–23 Victorian State Budget

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Families,
Fairness
and Housing

Our achievements over the past 12 months

All children deserve to be safe and families strong. We are working to keep building a Victoria where our children are protected, and vulnerable families supported.

Family Preservation and Reunification Response

connected over 1500 families including over 400 Aboriginal families

Expanded Home Stretch

- › Over 750 young people supported to remain with their carer beyond the age of 18 years, or to live independently

Supported Aboriginal self-determination and self-management

- › On track to meet the target of 252 children and young people by 30 June 2022

Stabilised and expanded the Child Protection workforce

- › Since 2014, funded an additional 1180 child protection practitioners

36 additional residential care beds are now available.

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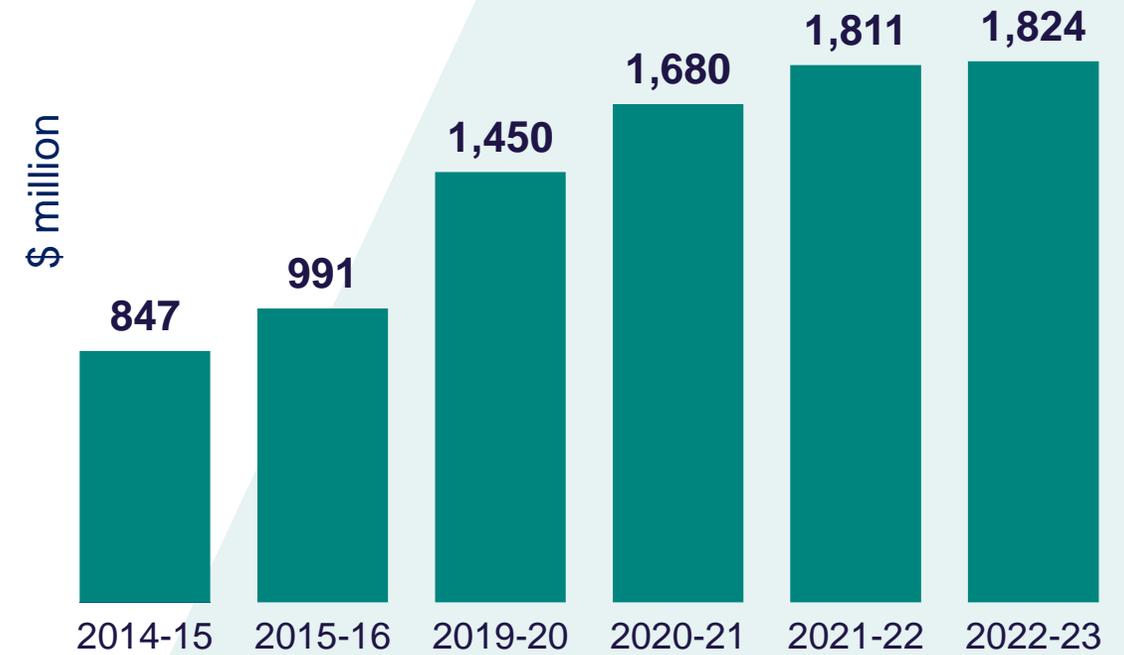
Budget boost for at-risk children, families and carers – Children and Families

The 2022-23 budget invests \$271.6 million across child protection and family services, building on last year's \$1.2 billion boost for at-risk children, their families and carers.

This represents a total new investment in Children and Families to almost \$2.9 billion over the four years from 2019-20 to 2022-23:

- › Total annual investment has increased by over 35 per cent since the 2018-19 Budget
- › Total annual investment has increased by over 84 per cent since the 2015-16 Budget

Child Protection and Family Services output target



* output costs for 2021-22 and 2022-23 exclude Capital Asset Charge

Investment highlights – meeting growing demand

- › **\$84.6 million over 2 years for Improving the Capacity and Mix of Care Services**
- › **\$57.6 million over 3 years for Responding to Demand for Child Protection and Family Services to meet increasing demand for targeted and specialised family services, incl:**
Family services support to up to 1,000 additional vulnerable families
- › **\$7.2 million over 2 years for Advancing Aboriginal Self Determination and Closing the Gap**



Investment highlights – safety of children and young people

Investment continued...

- › **\$9.1 million over two years to Improve the safety of children and young people in out of home care to deliver quality and enabling infrastructure**
- › **\$9.8 million across two years for Funding for Statutory Bodies and Reforms**

For implementation of the *Child Wellbeing and Safety (Child Safe Standards Compliance and Enforcement) Amendment Act 2021*



Investment highlights – responsiveness and sustainability

Investment continued...

- › **\$63.7 million over 4 years to support community sector jobs**
- › **\$25.3 million for 2022-23 for Civil Claims Costs for Historical Institutional Child Abuse**

For settlement of civil claims for historical institutional child abuse suffered by former wards of the State while in the State's care



Investment highlights – providing better support

Investment continued...

- › **\$2.0 million over 4 years for justice system costs** associated with additional judicial resources and the extension of court programs
- › **\$1.8 million allocated in 2021-22 to fund a short extension of the ‘Coronavirus Emergency Response for Children and Young People’**
- › **\$10.4 million over three years to strengthen the community services workforce**

To undertake an attraction and recruitment campaign that raises the profile of the community services workforce



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