

# What does the state budget include for children and families?

## *Measures relevant to the child and family services sector*

The Victorian State Budget 2021-22 was handed down on Thursday 20 May 2021.<sup>1</sup> The Centre has prepared this quick overview of the budget measures that are relevant to your work in the child and family services sector and to the children, young people and families that you support.

### Child and family services and out-of-home care

#### ◆ **Early intervention and diversion - \$15.6 million in 2021-22 (\$70.3 million over four years)**

Further funding is provided for a range of early intervention programs to divert more families from involvement in the children and families system and statutory interventions. This includes a trial to embed family services in universal settings such as schools, early years services and community health hubs to provide more accessible services for vulnerable families.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations will continue to receive funding to give 400 Aboriginal families each year access to Koorie Supported Playgroups and In-Home Parent Coaching to support the home learning environments of young Aboriginal children

Funding is also provided to pilot a new employment program, Frontline Victoria, which will fast-track degree qualified career changers into a career in the children and families sector. This program provides participants with financial support to complete graduate-level qualifications and paid placements with child and family services providers to develop participants' practical skills.

#### ◆ **Maintaining the foundations of the children and families system - \$263.9 million in 2021-22 (\$1 billion over four years)**

Funding is provided to continue the expansion of the child protection workforce and increase out-of-home care placements for children who are unable to live safely with their families. Funding is also provided for a range of initiatives to improve outcomes for vulnerable families and enhance the quality and safety of the children and families system, including:

- further funding to continue the transfer of case management of Aboriginal child protection and out-of-home care services to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations;
- Family Group Conferencing to divert vulnerable children and families from statutory services through a process led by family members to plan and make decisions for a child who is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect;
- additional funding for the settlement of civil claims for historical institutional child abuse and providing additional supports to Victorians in institutional care before 1990;
- continuation of Child FIRST services to connect vulnerable families to services that meet their needs;
- continuation of integrated healthcare in secure welfare services for children and young people while they are in secure care;
- continuation of enhanced cleaning and hygiene requirements in residential care and other settings to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19); and
- continuation of assistance available to ensure the sustainability of community service organisations at risk of financial stress

◆ **Putting Families First - \$5.2 million in 2021-22 (\$17.8 million over three years)**

Funding is provided to implement trials in Brimbank-Melton and Goulburn of a new whole-of-family support model. Interdisciplinary teams led by a family practitioner will work with vulnerable families with multiple health, justice or human services needs to improve their safety, health and wellbeing, and divert them from long-term acute and tertiary service usage.

◆ **Reforming care services - \$53.4 million in 2021-22 (\$101.7 million over four years)**

Funding is provided for increased support to home-based carers and children and young people under their care. The package includes:

- an expansion of respite placements to kinship carers;
- an expansion of the training and support Carer KaFE program to permanent carers; and
- an expansion of the Better Futures and Home Stretch programs to assist eligible young people on permanent care orders to either remain in care until they turn 21 years of age or transition to independence.

Funding is also provided to continue the permanent carer helpline and the Keeping Connected Sibling and Placement Support and the Treatment Foster Care Oregon evidence-based models of care.

## Family violence

◆ **Responses for children and young people impacted by family violence and sexual assault - \$14.1 million in 2021-22 (\$44.1 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to continue the statewide expansion of services to adolescents who use violence in the home, extend sexually abusive behaviour treatment services and provide sexual assault support services targeted to children and young people.

◆ **Central Information Point - \$12.9 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to continue the operation of the statewide Central Information Point which provides information to family safety practitioners in The Orange Door support and safety hubs, allowing them to assess and manage the safety risks of family violence victim survivors.

◆ **Information sharing and family violence risk assessment and management reform - \$26.9 million in 2021-22 (\$97 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to enable departments and agencies to support Phase Two organisations to meet obligations prescribed under the legislated family violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) framework and Child and Family Violence Information Sharing Schemes. Support includes workforce training and change management guidance and tools to ensure that organisational policies and practices are consistent with both information sharing schemes and the MARAM framework.

◆ **Intervening early to prevent family violence - \$1.2 million in 2021-22 (\$2.4 million over two years)**

Funding is provided to support the development of tools and resources for addressing drivers of sexual violence in young people, and the delivery of youth-focused programs that promote healthy relationships and community understanding of family violence.

◆ **Perpetrator accountability - \$12.8 million in 2021-22 (\$18.1 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to enable family violence specialists to deliver perpetrator interventions and contribute to an increasing evidence base about what works to change behaviour and prevent violence. Funding will enable specialists to work with perpetrators and their families to deliver

Men's Behaviour Change programs, and to extend perpetrator responses and accommodation support.

◆ **Pets in refuges and crisis accommodation - \$0.6 million in 2021-22 (\$1.2 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to support victim survivors in family violence situations ensuring the safety of and ongoing connection with their pets. This includes flexible brokerage for family violence refuges to access pet boarding, pet foster care, rehousing programs and fitting out accommodation for the needs of pets. Funding will also support family violence refuge and crisis accommodation providers to develop relationships with animal shelters and local animal welfare agencies.

◆ **Support for victim survivors of family violence and sexual assault - \$21.9 million in 2021-22 (\$49 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to continue case management responses for victim survivors of family violence in emergency accommodation and for victim survivors of sexual assault, to extend family violence supports and services including sexual assault services, statewide 24/7 crisis services, flexible support packages, culturally safe responses for Aboriginal survivors, and case management and brokerage for women on temporary visas. Funding is also provided to build the capacity of the service system to respond to culturally and linguistically diverse communities and faith communities.

◆ **Justice system response to family violence - \$5.4 million in 2021-22 (\$13.7 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to further strengthen, integrate and embed the justice system's response to family violence through:

- establishing legal services in The Orange Door network;
- continuing counselling and trauma programs to support women in prison;
- continuing family violence training and implementation of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) framework across the justice portfolio supported by specialist family violence practice leads embedded in Corrections Victoria and Youth Justice;
- building family violence capacity through dedicated research and evaluation functions; and
- better identification of perpetrators and continuation of tailored intervention programs to support behaviour change and help break the cycle of family violence.

## **Mental health and social and emotional wellbeing**

◆ **Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of infants, children and families - \$22.5 million in 2021-22 (\$195.8 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to establish 13 reformed infant and child area mental health and wellbeing services to provide a dedicated service stream for infants, children and families (aged 0-11), to ensure treatment, care and support is adapted to the needs of this age group.

Three infant, child and family hubs will be established based on a one-stop approach for child health, including emotional and developmental health, as well as providing culturally safe wrap around support for vulnerable and disadvantaged children and their families.

Funding is also provided for evidence-informed online parenting programs, and group-based parenting sessions offered through the infant, child and family hubs. Community perinatal mental health teams will also be expanded in area adult and older adult mental health and wellbeing services across Victoria.

◆ **Mental health reform in education: setting up children and young people to thrive - \$9.5 million in 2021-22 (\$217.8 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to establish a School Mental Health Fund, enabling schools to select and implement mental health and wellbeing initiatives that best suit their students' needs from an evidence-based menu. The initiative will be rolled out to regional and rural government schools from Term 3 2022, before roll-out to all government schools by 2024. Funding is also provided to improve supports available to young carers and referral pathways through the mental health and wellbeing, and education systems.

Funding will expand the Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot to include 90 government schools and 10 non-government schools in 2022. Funding will also continue the Maroondah Positive Education initiative, which aims to increase the wellbeing and educational outcomes of students in 27 schools. These initiatives will provide vital support to these schools and inform best practice mental health across the school system.

◆ **Supporting Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing - \$22.9 million in 2021-22 (\$116.2 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to establish new structures and self-determined services across Victoria to support and promote Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing.

This includes expanding social and emotional wellbeing teams to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) across Victoria, as well as funding the Victorian Aboriginal Controlled Health Organisation to establish an Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing centre of excellence. ACCHOs will also be funded to commission the delivery of culturally appropriate social and emotional wellbeing services for children and young people.

Funding is also provided to resource Infant, Child and Youth Area Mental Health Services to support Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, with the creation of Koori mental health liaison officer positions.

◆ **Supporting families and carers - \$5.9 million in 2021-22 (\$92.7 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to support families and carers of people with mental illness, including establishing eight family and carer-led centres across Victoria. Funding will be increased for the Carer Support Fund, Tandem and its carer participation registers. The Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness (FaPMI) program will be expanded, and funding will be provided to co-design and expand supports for young carers.

◆ **Supporting mental health for trans and gender-diverse young people - \$5.5 million in 2021-22 (\$21.3 million over four years)**

Additional mental health support, primary medical care and peer supports will be provided for transgender and gender diverse young people. This includes an expansion of mental health services and primary care in the Monash Health and Royal Children's Hospital catchments and the development of a clinical pathway from the Royal Children's Hospital Gender Service to Orygen.

◆ **Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of people in contact with the criminal and youth justice systems - \$5.1 million in 2021-22 (\$30.7 million over four years)**

This measure includes funding to expand the Custodial Forensic Youth Mental Health Service delivered by Orygen at the Parkville and Malmsbury Youth Justice Precincts. Additional hours for specialist mental health assessment and treatment interventions will be provided for young people in custody.

◆ **Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people - \$40 million in 2021-22 (\$266 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to support more hours of mental health treatment, care and support to young people through Youth Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services, including for extended hours and targeted assertive outreach. Funding is also provided to begin integrating support for general wellbeing and alcohol and other drug treatment into Youth Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services. Funding is also provided to maintain the research, online delivery, and operational activities of organisations delivering mental health care to young people.

◆ **Working in partnerships to improve accessibility for diverse communities - \$6.1 million in 2021-22 (\$26.2 million over four years)**

A diverse communities' mental health and wellbeing framework will be co-designed and developed in partnership with people from diverse communities. Funding is provided to community organisations and peak bodies to enable engagement in the mental health reform process and support communities to navigate the mental health and wellbeing system.

Funding is provided to expand the Rainbow Door program to support people who identify as LGBTIQ+ to access and navigate the mental health and wellbeing system, and to continue the Healthy Equal Youth project to support young LGBTIQ+ Victorians. Support also continues for community-based mental health programs targeted at young asylum seekers and refugees.

◆ **Expanding mental health treatment facilities for Victoria's youth - \$2 million in 2021-22 (\$140 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to deliver five new 10-bed youth prevention and recovery care units in the Barwon South West, Gippsland, Grampians, Hume and North Eastern Metropolitan regions. Three existing youth prevention and recovery care units will be upgraded in Bendigo, Dandenong and Frankston. This will give young people the care they need, closer to where they need it, to assist in their clinical and personal recovery.

## Early childhood education

◆ **Giving vulnerable and disadvantaged kids the best start in life - \$8.6 million in 2021-22 (\$33.8 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to deliver tailored support for vulnerable and disadvantaged children to participate in early childhood education and care. This includes:

- expanding early intervention outreach support through the Access to Early Learning program;
- trialling new, intensive early education supports for vulnerable children affected by complex trauma;
- continuing Kindergarten Improvement Advisers to work with services to strengthen service capacity and child level outcomes; and
- expanding kindergarten programs at the Royal Children's Hospital Education Institute.

◆ **Maintaining universal access to 15 hours of four-year-old kindergarten - \$8.1 million in 2021-22 (\$16.2 million over two years)**

Additional funding is provided to support the maintenance of universal access to 15 hours per week of four-year-old kindergarten in 2022.

◆ **Ready for school: Kinder for every three-year-old - \$21.3 million in 2021-22 (\$122.4 million over four years)**

Further funding is provided to continue the roll-out of universal three-year-old kindergarten, supporting children to access the benefits of two years of kindergarten before school. Funding

will also expand workforce attraction and retention activities, to support the supply of qualified early childhood teachers.

Funding will also support continued expansion of kindergarten infrastructure, in partnership with local government and other eligible providers.

◆ **Child Link - \$5.5 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to complete the establishment of the Child Link register in accordance with the Child Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Act 2018. Child Link will provide factual information about a child to authorised users to enable information sharing and promote child wellbeing and safety outcomes.

## Supporting children and young people at school

◆ **Marrung (Koorie Initiatives Package) - \$8.7 million in 2021-22 (\$39.3 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to deliver on the actions of Marrung: Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026 (Marrung) to improve the educational outcomes of Koorie students in Victoria. This includes funding to continue the Koorie Literacy and Numeracy program, expand the Koorie Pre-School Assistants program to four new locations, and continue the Koorie Families as First Educators and Koorie Engagement Support Officer programs. In addition, funding supports the introduction of a two-year statewide consultation and co-design process, to progress Aboriginal self-determination in education.

◆ **Student health and wellbeing - \$2.1 million in 2021-22 (\$12.5 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to continue implementation of the school-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) framework. Implementation in schools will be supported by 17 specialist SWPBS coaches, working with schools to improve teachers' capability to effectively manage student behaviour and foster respectful school environments.

◆ **Students with Disabilities Transport Program - \$25.2 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to continue delivering transport assistance through the Students with Disabilities Transport Program, supporting eligible students to attend their designated government specialist education setting.

◆ **Support for students with disabilities and additional needs - \$4.8 million in 2021-22 (\$19.6 million over three years)**

Funding is provided to continue the demonstration pilot of outside school hours care and school holiday programs for young people with disability which delivers free, high-intensity support at six government school sites.

◆ **Social cohesion through education - \$0.7 million in 2021-22 (\$3 million over four years)**

Funding will continue to support school communities and young people in Broadmeadows, Dandenong, North Melbourne, Shepparton, West Heidelberg, and Wyndham areas to be more engaged and informed to reduce the risk of isolation, marginalisation and attraction to violent extremism.

## Support for families experiencing disadvantage

◆ **Good money - \$3.8 million in 2021-22 (\$14.6 million over four years)**

Funding is provided for Good Money services to deliver safe and affordable financial services through four shop fronts in Collingwood, Geelong, Dandenong and Morwell. Good Money delivers no interest and low interest loans, low-cost insurance and financial advice to individuals and households facing financial stress. The funding will also enable the development of telephone and digital services and a continuation of financial wellbeing services in bushfire affected communities.

◆ **Partnerships Addressing Disadvantage - \$6.3 million in 2021-22 (\$25.7 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to expand the Partnerships Addressing Disadvantage (PAD) initiative through a fifth program that will directly target and address pervasive social issues to support vulnerable Victorians. Resources will also be provided to streamline the current PAD process and to deliver robust monitoring and evaluation outcomes. This PAD will be focused on solutions to address homelessness.

## Justice

◆ **Preventing Aboriginal deaths in custody - \$10.9 million in 2021-22 (\$31.2 million over four years)**

Measures include funding to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the Victorian justice system and prevent Aboriginal deaths in custody such as:

- continuing after-hours family violence support and regional legal assistance to meet the needs of Aboriginal communities;
- operation of Ngarra Jarranounith Place for Aboriginal men and expanded capacity of Baroona Youth Healing Place;
- provision of an early intervention family service and specialist family practitioners for keeping children under 14 years of age out of the criminal justice system.

◆ **Supporting victims of crime - \$12.1 million in 2021-22 (\$47 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to start transformation of the victim service system through establishing the foundations for a new Financial Assistance Scheme for victims of crime. Funding is also provided to continue the intermediaries program and provide a new victims legal service.

◆ **Supporting vulnerable Victorians - \$6.8 million in 2021-22 (\$15.1 million over five years)**

Funding is provided to recruit new honorary justices to address demand through Honorary Justice Services Support and to continue the Youth Referral and Independent Persons Program for young people and the guardianship, investigation and Independent Third Persons programs at the Office of the Public Advocate.

◆ **Crime Prevention initiatives - \$14.7 million in 2021-22 (\$19.8 million over four years)**

This measure includes funding for initiatives to keep Victorian communities safe by addressing the root causes of crime such as the provision of Youth Crime Prevention Grants.

◆ **Implementing the Legislated Spent Convictions Scheme - \$1 million in 2021-22 (\$2.5 million over two years)**

Funding is provided to establish the Spent Convictions Scheme, which will be administered by Victoria Police and provide a framework for controlled disclosure of certain criminal records after periods without serious reoffending.

◆ **Embedded Youth Outreach Program - \$1.5 million in 2021-22 (\$6.3 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to continue the embedded Youth Outreach Program in the existing locations of Werribee and Dandenong, where police officers and youth workers are paired to provide assessment, initial support and referral for vulnerable young people and prevent possible future reoffending.

◆ **Disability Advice and Response Team for the Children's Court - \$0.7 million in 2021-22 (\$3.9 million over four years)**

Funding is provided for a team to support young people with disability who have matters before the Children's Court. This will lead to a clear pathway for young people to access disability support in a timely manner, helping to reduce the burden on the courts and reducing the time to hear a matter.

◆ **Legal assistance and critical early intervention support services - \$10.1 million in 2021-22 (\$31.1 million over four years)**

Measures include funding to continue critical legal services and improve access to justice for Victorians who need support through:

- continuing Victoria Legal Aid's (VLA) Independent Advocacy and Support service;
- employing additional VLA lawyers and support staff to represent and assist parents and children in child protection legal proceedings;
- providing specialist legal services to the LGBTIQ+ community;
- expanding the Mabels family violence service.

◆ **Community based diversionary services and opening Cherry Creek - \$73.4 million in 2021-22 (\$165.2 million over five years)**

Funding is provided for core youth justice programs, ongoing investment in diversionary programs, and establishing a new custodial operating model at Cherry Creek.

◆ **Responding to increasing pressure on Victoria's justice system - \$11 million in 2021-22 (\$33.4 million over four years)**

Measures to ensure Victoria's courts continue to operate effectively and efficiently such as:

- additional resources for the Children's Court Clinic, to ensure the timely provision of psychological and psychiatric assessments of children and families, and reduce the cost of children spending unnecessary time in custody due to report delays.

◆ **Securing the proven benefits of innovation and service delivery reform - \$10.5 million in 2021-22 (\$23 million over four years)**

Measures provided to continue existing court programs, such as:

- Youth Control Order program, which provides the Children's Court with an intensive and targeted supervision sentencing option;
- Intensive Bail Order program, which provides a supervision and support service for young people awaiting trial;
- Cubby House program, to provide a supportive and safe haven for children and young people dealing with traumatic family situations in the Broadmeadows and Melbourne Children's Courts;
- Shepparton Family Drug Treatment Court, to assist parents reduce their alcohol and drug dependence and regain custody of their children from out-of-home care, improving outcomes for at-risk children.

## Support for young people

- ◆ **Engaging and supporting at-risk young people - \$9.2 million in 2021-22 (\$18.4 million over two years)**

Funding is provided to continue initiatives that support young Victorians at risk of disengagement from the community. These community-led initiatives provide vulnerable young people from African and Pasifika backgrounds with culturally-specific early interventions and increased education and employment opportunities. These initiatives will also support improved community safety outcomes by building protective factors that prevent young people being drawn to various forms of anti-social behaviour.

- ◆ **Strengthening youth participation and connection - \$3.7 million in 2021-22 (\$6.9 million over two years)**

Funding is provided to continue initiatives that support young people at risk of disengagement. This includes continuing the Latrobe Youth Space projects and services, the Regional Presence Project across four rural offices, the Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program with Aboriginal organisations, and supporting young people from disadvantaged and culturally diverse communities to participate in Scouts and Girl Guides.

- ◆ **Empowering Victorian Aboriginal communities through infrastructure and organisational sustainability - \$9.9 million in 2021-21 (\$27 million over four years)**

This measure includes funding for two of Victoria's peak Aboriginal organisations (Koorie Youth Council and Koorie Heritage Trust) that will receive further support to continue critical service delivery for young people and members of the Stolen Generations.

## Support for people seeking asylum

- ◆ **Supporting improved settlement outcomes - \$4.5 million in 2021-22 (\$8.7 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to achieve improved settlement outcomes for Victoria's humanitarian cohorts and emerging migrant communities. These supports will build community capacity and extend legal support for asylum seekers and temporary visa holders, and continue case management support and information on employment protections for migrant communities across Victoria. Funding will also increase the capacity for Regional Community Hubs to improve services for new migrants, refugees and asylum seekers across Victoria.

- ◆ **Support for asylum seekers - \$3.9 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to continue provision of critical mental health supports to people seeking asylum who are ineligible for Medicare and income support, including nurse and GP care, mental health support, basic needs assistance including for food, medication and utilities, homelessness assistance and case coordination.

## Health

- ◆ **Aboriginal strong and healthy - \$2 million in 2021-22**

Continued support is provided for maternal, child and family health services delivered in Aboriginal organisations. Funding is also provided for the Aboriginal Metropolitan Ice Partnership, which helps improve access to services for Aboriginal people affected by methamphetamine and other drugs.

- ◆ **Responding to community-based healthcare demand - \$76.1 million in 2021-22 (\$91 million over four years)**

This measure includes funding to address the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on community-based health care. This includes catch-up care for dental services, cancer services and maternal and child health services to ensure clients who were unable to engage over the past 12 months receive the care they need.

A proportion of these funds will be allocated to support catch-up care for Aboriginal Victorians. Increases in demand for alcohol and other drugs (AOD) programs will be met by three new residential AOD treatment facilities, additional community-based counselling services and expanded forensic services.

◆ **Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Hub expansion - \$3 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to expand the community facilities and services at the Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health Hub which provides a range of health, wellbeing and community services for the local area.

## Place-based supports

◆ **Addressing opportunities in place: A Thriving Central Goldfields Shire - \$1 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to renew the Go Goldfields Every Child, Every Chance initiative. The program brings together community, business, government, and not-for-profit partners to ensure every child in the Central Goldfields Shire has the opportunity to grow up safe, healthy, and confident.

## Housing

◆ **Homelessness services - \$46.7 million in 2021-22 (\$193.7 million over four years)**

Measures include funding to continue programs that support people who are homeless and at risk of homelessness, such as:

- specialist leaving care and youth homelessness services, to support young people leaving care;
- the Kangan Education First Youth Foyer, which supports young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness by providing integrated accommodation and education-focused intervention for young people.

◆ **Supported housing for adults and young people living with mental illness - \$3.4 million in 2021-22 (\$40.4 million over four years)**

Funding is provided for accommodation and wellbeing supports to 2,000 Victorians living with a mental illness and allocated supported housing places as part of the Big Housing Build. Funding is also provided to undertake co-design and planning for a further 500 supported housing places for young people living with mental illness.

## Workforce and service delivery

◆ **Embedding early intervention in government service delivery - \$4.1 million in 2021-22 (\$15.5 million over four years)**

Funding is provided to lead and implement an early intervention framework across government to support reforms that invest early for better and fairer outcomes.

◆ **Family Violence Graduate Program - \$0.5 million in 2021-22 (\$1.2 million over two years)**

Funding is provided to support up to 80 new graduates to receive training and other development support while working to become specialists in a range of family violence services.

◆ **LGBTIQ+ Grants Program - \$1 million in 2021-22**

Funding is provided to continue the LGBTIQ+ organisation grants program and the LGBTIQ+ Leadership Program. This initiative supports recovery for LGBTIQ+ community groups impacted during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and assists the development of leadership capability in individuals and organisations in the LGBTIQ+ community.

◆ **Support for regulators and complaints handling bodies - \$5.6 million in 2021-22 (\$8.5 million over four years)**

This measure includes funding for the Commission for Children and Young People to support the implementation of new Child Safe Standards, which require all Victorian organisations working with children to take steps to protect our children and young people.

For further details about the Victorian Budget 2021-22, visit:

<https://www.budget.vic.gov.au/>

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<sup>i</sup> Content in this quick guide is largely included verbatim from budget paper no. 3.

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