



**Our vision is  
that every child  
will live in a safe  
and supportive  
environment.**

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a national charity protecting children from violence and its devastating impact. The Foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged 6 and 3, who were tragically killed with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur, Tasmania on 28 April 1996.

*We care for children who experience or witness serious violence.*

Our **Intensive Support Program** helps children by focusing on what they need to recover from traumatic events or violent circumstances. We work collaboratively with relevant agencies to make sure children who are suffering the effects of violence, and their families, have the community connections needed for immediate and long term support.

In Australia, tens of thousands of children are placed in emergency foster care or domestic violence refuges each year, often with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Through our **Buddy Bags Program** these children receive a back pack full of essential items including toiletries, pyjamas, socks, underwear, a teddy bear, photo frame and pillow slip. Our Buddy Bags provide personal belongings and help restore a sense of security in these children's lives.



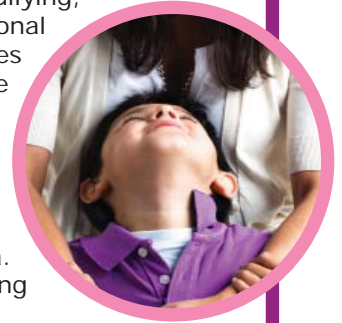
Our **Refuge Therapeutic Support Program** funds group therapy including art, pet and music therapy to help children who are residing in refuges and are distressed or traumatised by their experience of serious violence.

*We develop programs which help prevent violence in the lives of children.*

Our **Better Buddies Framework** is a whole-school initiative designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where bullying is reduced. In Better Buddies, older children buddy up with younger children and learn the values: *caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility* through formal and informal activities, and the mascot **Buddy Bear**. Better Buddies enables younger students to feel safe and cared for while older students feel valued and respected.



Our **Cybersafety and Wellbeing Initiative** helps children and young people embrace the benefits of technology and reduce their exposure to cyberspace risks, such as cyberbullying, online sexual predation, sexting, identity theft and fraud. The initiative introduces a national framework in schools which guides them through the implementation of policies and practices to ensure their teachers, students, and families are equipped to be smart and responsible users of the technology.



*We play an advocacy role and we're a voice against childhood violence.*

Our **National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB)** is a peak body made up of experts and is chaired by Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia. NCAB works with school communities, government, media and industry to reduce bullying and minimise its harm on young people.

**Children365:celebrate them everyday** is one of the many ways the Foundation advocates for the wellbeing of children. This initiative encourages adults to take the time to think about why the children in their lives are important and how they can spend time together. Through an annual calendar and a range of activities, Children365 gives people practical ways they can engage positively with children. Children365 begins each year on the last day of children's week and was developed in memory of 4 year old Darcey, who tragically lost her life on 29 January 2009.

The Foundation relies on the generous support of our dedicated volunteers, as well as donations and gifts-in-kind from the community and our corporate friends. We run a number of fundraising events including the renowned Starry Starry Night gala every November.

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