

Our Impact

Over the past year, **89%** of children who left Burdekin's care returned to their families. Of this group, 88 per cent remained enrolled in education.

Our Education Program was established to respond to the educational disadvantage experienced by children entering our care. This program has resulted in **75%** of children and young people returning to school or commencing TAFE or other education pathways. A life changing outcome.

"My teenage years were full of stability, safety, security, and a nurturing environment. I remained at the same school, completed my HSC, and completed a double degree – all with the support of Burdekin."

Anna

"I honestly believe Burdekin has helped me get to where I am today. I wish you all the best and keep up the good work."

Simon

"They are great at helping young people get on their feet in awful times in their lives."

Ava



Get Involved

Become a Burdekin Carer: Being a Foster Carer at Burdekin is different. We adapt and work with you to give you what you need, so you can focus on the most important thing – giving our young people what they need. We can provide a home rent-free or rental/mortgage assistance, flexibility to work and support when needed. We operate in Sydney and specialise in ages nine to 17 years.

Become a Burdekin Volunteer: Have a positive impact on the lives of our young people. Your support can help a young person directly to grow in self-belief, develop skills for life and build connection and trust with others.

Become a Burdekin Supporter/Partner: Burdekin needs supporters, champions and advocates in our community to donate in-kind or in cash, so that we can continue to provide our full continuum of care and help end youth homelessness.

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What we do

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Empowering young lives



Our Services



Prevention

We provide practical and therapeutic support for at-risk young people and their families.

We support children, young people, their families, and the community through intervention strategies to address issues that can lead to homelessness, including family breakdown, education disengagement, mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse.



Outreach

We support families through counselling and individualised case management to manage conflict, reduce stress and increase the potential for family reconciliation.



Youth Housing

We provide semi-supported, affordable housing for young people aged 17-24 who are at risk of homelessness and are ready to make the transition to semi-independent living.

As part of this, we assist young people to successfully complete their education, find and keep employment and build the skills and confidence to live independently and reach their potential.



Out-of-Home Care

We provide accommodation, therapeutic care environments and individualised case management and support to meet the needs of each child and young person from ages nine to 17. This includes:

- Supported Family Group Homes for 12-17-year-olds to live with a carer
- Supported Independent Living, from 16 years of age
- Staffed Care Homes, with a home-like environment for up to four young people

About Us

Our Purpose

Burdekin is an independent not-for-profit organisation that works with young people and their families in the community, to prevent homelessness, provide safe housing and support wellbeing.

We provide a continuum of care for young people and their families through an integrated approach to intervention, support and housing. Burdekin brings nearly 40 years of proven experience working with young people.

Our Vision

Empowering young lives.

Our Values

Imaginative: We find a way

Responsive: We embrace the individual

Determined: We give it our all

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