Keep Them Safe
Budget Overview

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Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing

A five year action plan:
- reshaping services for children, young people & their families
- sharing responsibility across the community
- providing more support earlier
- responding to 2008 Wood Inquiry into child protection system
Budget overview

$750 million over five years:
- increasing funding announced in March by an extra $520 million
- investing more in prevention and early intervention
- increasing support for the non-government sector
NGO sector investment

- Approximately 40% of increased funding is for NGO services
- Partnership approach to Keep Them Safe implementation
Keep Them Safe budget enhancements

- $114 million for enhanced prevention and early intervention services
- $25 million for improving services for Aboriginal children and young people
- $58 million for enhanced acute services (e.g., intensive family preservation)
- $170 million for changes to child protection system and services
- $222 million for out of home care (including $130 million for NGOs)
More investment in prevention and early intervention

- Extra places for children in Brighter Futures
- Expansion of sustained home visiting
- Drug and alcohol services for parents
- Services to support children who have parents with a mental illness
- Regional intake and referral services
- Other prevention and early intervention services, eg family support
More support for Aboriginal children and families

- Expansion of Intensive Aboriginal Family Based Services
- Trial new model of decision-making
- More Aboriginal student liaison officers
- Parenting programs for Aboriginal adult offenders
- Safe Families accommodation
Increasing investment in acute services

- Expanding Intensive Family Preservation Service
- Home school liaison officers
- Kaleidoscope and New Street
- After hours bail hotline
- Joint assessment and investigation of serious abuse
Changes to the child protection system

- Child Wellbeing Units in major agencies
- Network of Regional Intake and Referral Services
- Piloting family case management program
- Improving Children’s Court
- Training staff in new systems
- Evaluating new system and programs.