

A photograph of three people walking on a sandy beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting long shadows. One person in the center is wearing a white sweatshirt and black leggings, walking away from the camera. To their left, a woman in a dark jacket is walking towards them. To their right, a person in a dark hoodie is walking away, holding a soccer ball. The background shows the ocean waves and a sandy dune on the left.

Collaborating for change.

**2021¹ PROGRESS REPORT
SAFER CHILDREN, SAFER COMMUNITIES.**

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

When I reflect on the last year, I'm struck by the efforts of those who we have supported to play a role in helping to keep children and young people safe through our Safer Children, Safer Communities (SCSC) program. Our grant recipients, international partners, law enforcement personnel, child protection experts and employees involved in the program, have all shown adaptability, compassion, and commitment in responding to the ongoing challenges of COVID and tackling the consequent surge in online child abuse material, which saw a three-fold increase of abuse imagery of seven to 10 year-olds².

² Internet Watch Foundation, Three-Fold Increase Of Abuse Imagery Of 7-10-Year-Olds As IWF Detects More Child Sexual Abuse Material Online Than Ever Before, January 2022. Available at: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/news-media/news/three-fold-increase-of-abuse-imagery-of-7-10-year-olds-as-iwf-detects-more-child-sexual-abuse-material-online-than-ever-before/>

In the Philippines, our partners International Justice Mission (IJM) and Save the Children Australia have focused on capacity building and innovation by supporting local law enforcement responses, training parents and children, advocating for stronger sentencing of perpetrators and developing models that can be scaled globally. You can read about their work on page 24.

Closer to home, 2020 Australian grant recipients like Berry Street, Parkerville and others have completed their first year of program delivery through the SCSC program, across technology, education, and recovery services. Through their efforts, our funding has reached over 7,000 children, young people and adults across Australia. This year, we also welcomed 26 new partners who will receive \$9.2 million in total funding over a period of up to three years through the 2021 Grants program. This is an expanded program that includes strategic partnerships and research alongside our impact grants.

Alongside this, we are stepping up our support for a broader national conversation about child protection. Documentaries like The Children in the Pictures are key to breaking the silence on the Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) and prompting important discussions in our homes, communities, among business and in the media.

This is why Westpac is backing a three-year impact campaign to raise awareness in association with The Children in the Pictures. The campaign has three clear aims, which I encourage you to read about on page 44.

I'm also proud of our increased focus on enhancing child safeguarding within the bank, which resulted in the release of our Child Safeguarding Position Statement, a first published statement for an Australian bank. As one of the largest financial institutions in Australia and New Zealand, we acknowledge our reach across the community, our responsibility to respect human rights and to mitigate known child safety risks. Head to page 14 to read about our journey, our principles, and initiatives like a gambling block for under 18s that we have already put in place.

The success of our program relies on ongoing collaborations. As always, I'm grateful to our partners and advisors for their efforts over the past year. These contributions have helped us support children, young people, and their families, build awareness externally, enhance our own understanding of the role we can play and take steps towards improving the safety of children and our communities.



PETER KING

CEO | Westpac Group



2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Now in the second year, the Safer Children, Safer Communities work program continues to deliver across our four ambitions:

HELP PROTECT CHILDREN

in Australia, and in those Asia Pacific countries where children are at highest risk

\$18.4M

in multi-year funding committed to over 50 Australian organisations since 2020

14,000+

children, young people and adults reached through programs delivered by our domestic grant recipients and international partners

15

programs supporting vulnerable children, including Indigenous children, refugee, migrants, LGBTIQ+ or culturally and linguistically diverse children and children with disabilities since 2020

440+

child abuse prevention sessions delivered across domestic and international programs

CATALYSE CHANGE

across the bank on child safeguarding



Child Safeguarding Position Statement published

U18s

default gambling block launched

>350

products and channels assessed against risk typologies including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)



Provided customers the ability to report abusive messages via online and mobile banking and block inappropriate language from outgoing payments

RAISE AWARENESS

on OSEC across business and the community

230,000+

views of The Children in the Pictures documentary through online, in-person and SBS screenings (Aug - Nov 21)



Three-year partnership with Australian Childhood Foundation and the Y (formerly YMCA) to drive action on child safeguarding across businesses

7

research grants funded to support new insights on tackling child abuse and exploitation

ACCELERATE UNITY OF ACTION

on OSEC through developing and adopting collaborative technologies

\$25M

over three years to the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) to better detect, monitor, report and seek to prevent CSE

35

Scoping and discovery work completed to better connect over 35 organisations from ICMEC's wider AU Financial Coalition Forum

DESIGNING A SUSTAINED PROGRAM

When we started the SCSC program in 2020, we understood that while improving child protection outcomes would be an uphill journey, we could design a sustained, holistic program by listening to our stakeholders, co-designing initiatives, making funding decisions based on critical program gaps and importantly, thinking out of the box.

We would like to share our learnings through some examples.

³ Fintel Alliance Performance Report 2019-20. Available at: <https://www.austrac.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-11/Fintel%20Performance%20Report%202020.pdf>



1 CO-DESIGNED PROGRAMS FOR SYSTEM-LEVEL CHANGE

Our partners recommended a collaborative approach to tackle the complex problem of child abuse and exploitation. Our Strategic Partnerships program is focused on addressing system-level problems in the child protection and safeguarding system. We returned to the drawing board several times to design and refine a pragmatic program that could achieve the right outcomes, whilst ensuring those receiving funding were set up to succeed. This led to two programs. Firstly, a place-based response to improve child protection outcomes in communities experiencing disadvantage. This will see The Benevolent Society co-design place-based initiatives with three Australian communities and empower them to identify solutions that work for them, using the skills and talents of those in the community. Secondly, an initiative driving action on child safeguarding across Australian businesses, led by the Australian Childhood Foundation in partnership with the Y, bringing together businesses across telecommunications, finance, and technology.

2 CROSS-INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE AND DATA SHARING

In June 2020, the Fintel Alliance reported a 945% increase in reporting of suspected child related offending since its establishment in 2017³. To address this growing problem, we needed to work together with organisations, regulators, and law enforcement agencies to share data and knowledge. Through a unique private-public partnership, ICMEC will manage a \$25 million data-sharing and innovation grant over three years with the aim to improve cross-industry knowledge and data sharing to better detect, monitor, report and seek to prevent Australian payments platforms from being used to process payments that are related to CSE.

3 BRINGING TOGETHER POLICY, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE

Tackling child abuse and exploitation requires a holistic approach that includes funding to organisations like Yourtown's national 24hr Kids Helpline, NPY Women's Council (in remote NT), Life Ed (in NSW) and over 50 domestic organisations that have been supported since 2020 through our grants program. It also involves supporting research to better understand risk factors for child abuse and exploitation, investigating prevention and early intervention strategies, and developing evidence that can help inform changes in policy and practice. We are proud this year to provide seven research grants to help build research knowledge and practice.

Our commitment to child safeguarding



WESTPAC'S CHILD SAFEGUARDING POSITION STATEMENT

A FIRST FOR AN AUSTRALIAN BANK



We recognise emerging risks to children and young people in physical and online environments and the role we can play as a financial services provider in promoting the financial safety of children and young people who access our products and services. While we cannot entirely eliminate risks, such as customers potentially exploiting our products for harmful purposes, we can work to enhance existing processes to identify, prevent and mitigate harm.

Our Child Safeguarding Position Statement (the Statement) sets out the principles that guide our approach as we work to embed a child safe culture within our organisation and seek to reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people across our operations.

In 2020, we undertook a due diligence exercise aligned with our human rights approach to identify potential and emerging risks to children and young people across the bank.

The findings helped inform the aspirations within our Statement.

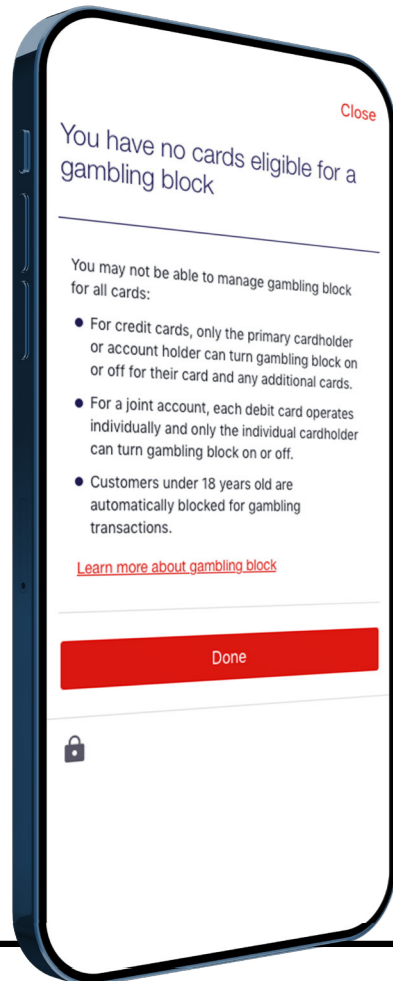
[View the full Statement on our website](#)

OUR CHILD SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES

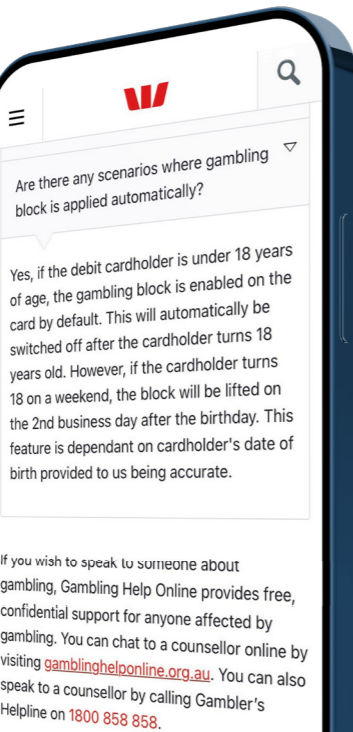
1. Safety by design for products and services focused on children and young people
2. Include the voice of children and young people in decision-making
3. Promote responsible financial behaviours for children and their parents and carers
4. Set clear expectations of employees, contractors, and suppliers in relation to child safety
5. Mitigate risks for children across financial transactions
6. Partner for progress

ENHANCING INTERNAL EFFORTS

Teams across Westpac have been focused on strengthening our internal processes and procedures to help tackle and mitigate harm to children and young people. Actions completed during the year include:



Launched a default gambling block for all our new and existing under 18-year-old debit cardholders to help prevent underage gambling



Delivered **40,000+** hours of financial crime awareness training to our people



Implemented and updated **60** transaction monitoring detection rules that consider a range of typologies including modern slavery and CSE



Increased our financial crime specialists by around **one-third** from 2019



Announced new measures to give customers the ability to report abusive messages via online and mobile banking and block inappropriate language from outgoing payments



Assessed the risk of **>350** products and channels against a range of risk typologies including CSE

Over the next year we will engage with community sector organisations and advocates to seek their perspectives on the financial needs of children and young people in vulnerable circumstances. We will also enhance our extra care measures so our employees can provide the right level of support to children and young people in vulnerable circumstances.

“The realisation that we may have inadvertently caused harm to children through our products was incredibly confronting for all of us at Westpac and made it clear that we needed to strengthen our processes and controls so that this would never happen again.

Over the last two years, we have reassessed and rebuilt the foundations of our financial crime capability. We have taken an integrated approach, building the knowledge and specialisation of our teams, deepening our understanding of our customers, collaborating with law enforcement and our SCSC partners, and reinforcing the human impact of financial crime to ensure we remain focused on keeping our community safe.”

LES VANCE

Group Executive,
Financial Crime
Compliance & Conduct

Funding cross-industry knowledge and data sharing



\$25 MILLION GRANT TO BETTER DETECT, MONITOR, REPORT AND PREVENT CSE

In the evolving fight against OSEC, data-sharing through cross-border and cross-industry collaboration can better support regulators and authorities when seeking to prevent OSEC and hold perpetrators to account. The challenge is developing innovative collaborations while satisfying privacy, governance, security, ethics, and compliance concerns for data owners such as businesses, regulators, and law enforcement.

This year, we partnered with ICMEC with the aim to develop a series of cross-industry knowledge and data sharing projects to better detect, monitor, report and seek to prevent Australian payments platforms from being used to process payments that are related to CSE. The three-year \$25 million data-sharing and innovation grant, managed by ICMEC, and the newly established ICMEC Australia, will be used to design, build, deploy, and maintain a platform and analytics tools to aggregate insights and data from multiple industry participants to help identify perpetrators of OSEC.

Our partnership builds on scoping and discovery work undertaken in 2020 with the goal of better connecting over 35 stakeholders from ICMEC's wider AU Financial Coalition Forum to improve the way we work together to prevent OSEC.



The four elements of collaboration, technology, external data, and insights, together with a collective voice will form the foundations of the cross-industry data sharing initiative.

By bringing data sources together, these efforts can deliver increased surety to investigators, help apprehend offenders who may be spreading transaction activity across institutions and improve the financial payments industry's collective ability to determine which transactions and interactions are indicative of crimes against children.

BOB CUNNINGHAM

President and CEO,
ICMEC

About ICMEC

ICMEC is a non-governmental organisation working to make the world a safer place for children by defending against CSE, abuse, and the risk of going missing. ICMEC works with partners around the world to develop research, technologies, and educational resources to aid in the search and recovery of children who are missing, fight child sexual exploitation, and empower caring professionals, institutions, and communities to safeguard children from all forms of sexual abuse.

Scaling international efforts



SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITY

In 2020, we committed \$6 million in funding over six years to support the delivery of the 'Protect Children - Philippines' program.

In 2021, the 'Protect Children - Philippines' program helped local schools with establishing child protection committees, provided cash transfers to families most at risk of OSEC to alleviate the financial pressures that can contribute to online exploitation of children and provided online training for children, parents and teachers on preventing OSEC. The program is also advocating for OSEC prevention to be integrated into the budgets of local government units.



4,600+

children and more than 900 adults participated in child protection education sessions

455

households received conditional cash vouchers for training on OSEC, to drive increased adult participation

132

child advocates trained to raise awareness about online dangers amongst their peers

45

adults from 8 local government units have participated in stakeholder meetings/forums

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

SCALING THROUGH INNOVATION

We partnered with IJM in 2020, committing \$18 million in funding over three years across their Philippines national OSEC program and their Centre to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children.

In 2021, IJM accelerated their efforts by expanding their Philippines national program - their flagship casework and community protection program, to continue to strengthen the justice system of the Philippines to rescue victims, support police operations, and arrest and convict suspects throughout the COVID-19 lockdown.

A focus for the year was elevating their local model globally through the launch of the 'Center to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children'. Through the Center, IJM has developed thought leadership resources, secured survivor compensation from demand-side offenders and consulted for the UK government to strengthen sentences for sexual offenders, amongst other initiatives.



140+

victim rescues supported

33

police operations supported

32

suspects charged and 20 perpetrators convicted by law enforcement agencies in Philippines with support from IJM



Launched a global center - Center to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children - to scale their model and address the crime globally



Launched DETECT (Data Evaluation To Expose Child Trafficking) to build a platform for privacy protected data collaboration among tech and financial companies and NGOs to improve detection and reporting of OSEC



Developing a research method, in consultation with the University of Nottingham Rights Lab to measure trafficking of children to estimate its prevalence in the Philippines and other countries

Scaling local efforts



COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN AUSTRALIA

Supporting and scaling the efforts of organisations through our grants program, is one way we seek to help children, young people and their families stay safe and protected across Australia.

\$18.4M

in multi-year funding committed to over 50 organisations across Australia since 2020



4,600+

children and young people reached through the programs funded

2,400+

adults reached through our partner programs

20

new jobs created by our partners

416

child abuse prevention sessions delivered by partners

28

new organisations using technology developed by our partners Monash and Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS)

15

programs supporting vulnerable children, including Indigenous children, refugee, migrants, LGBTIQ+ or culturally and linguistically diverse children and children with disabilities since 2020

PARKERVILLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CARE

INTER-AGENCY RECOVERY SUPPORT FOR CHILD ABUSE

Parkerville Children and Youth Care is scaling their Multi-agency Investigation and Support Team, a unique joint initiative between WA Police, Department of Communities - Child Protection and Family Support and Parkerville Children and Youth Care, who work together in the best interests of children who have experienced child sexual abuse.

The Child and Family Advocate employed through this funding supports young people through the judicial process.

RECIPIENT OF 2020 SCALE GRANT VALUED AT \$300,000 PER YEAR OVER THREE YEARS

PROGRAM FOCUSED ON RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SERVICES

LOCATION OF PROGRAM DELIVERY: WA

4 All percentages based on surveys conducted by the organisations.



370

young people, including survivors of abuse and their siblings supported through the service

92%

of parents that attended the service reported an increased understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships⁴

85%

of parents reported an increased capacity to support and protect children and young people⁴

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICE (CAPS)

**HARNESSING TECH
TO IDENTIFY
AT-RISK CHILDREN**

CAPS, in partnership with HubHello (a technology partner), oversees SAFE, a national case review platform that uses machine learning and language processing technology to identify children potentially at risk of abuse or neglect. The aim of SAFE is to accurately verify and triage children at risk, as early as possible, and provide referrals to the early intervention supports or child protection services to help keep them safe from harm.

Funding was used to employ a case review specialist exclusively assigned to review cases on the SAFE platform. The platform combined with the case review specialist have allowed CAPS to identify and report children at risk of harm that may have otherwise gone undetected.

**RECIPIENT OF 2020 STRENGTHEN GRANT VALUED
AT \$100,000 PER YEAR OVER TWO YEARS**

**PROGRAM FOCUSED ON USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO
PROTECT CHILDREN**

LOCATION OF PROGRAM DELIVERY: NATIONAL



300+

cases reviewed this year

6,000+

childcare organisations currently subscribed

Case data held for

68K

at-risk children

COOL AUSTRALIA

TEACHING KIDS ABOUT SAFETY ONLINE

Cool Australia used the funding to develop an eSafety For Kids program for upper primary students. Teachers can download lessons on topics including consent, online habits, catfishing, and digital footprints.

Using a whole-school approach, in addition to the six lesson plans there is a Take-it-Home Resource Pack for parents and caregivers as well as a School Facilitation Guide.

The resources have enabled teachers to be better informed about online safety and educate students about protecting themselves and their peers from online harm.

RECIPIENT OF A ONE-OFF 2020 SEED GRANT VALUED AT \$50,000

PROGRAM FOCUSED ON EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

LOCATION OF PROGRAM DELIVERY: NATIONAL

⁵ All percentages based on surveys conducted by the organisations.



3,000

lessons downloaded

82%

of teachers felt more confident talking about online safety with their students⁵

BERRY STREET'S MST PROGRAM HELPS KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Before 14-year-old Theo⁶ was referred to Berry Street's Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Team - a family and community-based model of treatment for young people at risk of entering, or who have recently entered, out-of-home care - he'd been involved in a series of incidents involving theft, aggression, drug use and weapons possession. His mother was considering relinquishing care of her son due to concerns for her family's safety. She was also concerned about who Theo was associating with and his risk of sexual exploitation while he was away from the home.

In 2020, Berry Street was the recipient of a \$300,000 per year (over three years) Scale grant and is using the funding to expand its evidence-based, early intervention MST

⁶ Name changed for privacy



program that aims to keep families together, with young people living at home, in school and out of the justice system. A team of four therapists work intensively with four to six families each for up to six months at a time.

Theo's family was referred to Berry Street's MST program which resulted in the case being diverted from child protection services and prevented his placement in out-of-home care. The MST practitioner met with Theo and his family to discuss their issues and identify goals across all key systems covered by MST - individual, family, peers, school, and community.

The MST practitioner worked with Theo's mother to build on her existing strengths and introduce strategies to address the behaviours she was most concerned about. This included assisting with access to paediatric assessments, identifying more appropriate housing and enrolling Theo in a school that was better equipped to meet his needs. The MST practitioner also worked to increase Theo's mother's network of support to interrupt his running away and offending behaviour and increase his safety.

Today Theo is living safely with his mother and younger siblings and has regular contact with his wider family. Berry Street's MST program has provided Theo's family with support to make critical changes in their relationships, restoring safety and preventing a young person's placement in out-of-home care.

The number of children and young people in out-of-home care in Victoria has increased by 21% in the last 4 years⁷.

The current system is stretched; we know that keeping children and young people out of care is one of the most effective interventions to improving their future outcomes.

TOM BOWERMAN

Director of Innovation,
Berry Street

⁷ Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2021. Child protection Australia 2019-20. Page 81. Child welfare series no. 74. Cat. no. CWS 78. Canberra: AIHW. Available at: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/c3b0e267-bd63-4b91-9ea6-9fa4d14c688c/aihw-cws-78.pdf.aspx?inline=true>

OUR 2021 GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2021, we expanded our funding program to include Strategic Partnerships and Research grants and awarded \$9.2 million in funding over a period of up to three years to 26 organisations to continue helping children, young people and their families stay safe and protected in Australia.

SCALE GRANTS

Multi-year grants over three years

ORGANISATIONS	PROGRAM REACH
Odyssey House Victoria	Major city, VIC
Caroline Chisholm Society	Regional VIC
NPY Women's Council	Remote WA
Taskforce Community Agency	Major city, VIC
Newcastle University	National
Prosper Project (50% grant)	National
Central West Women's Health Centre (50% grant)	Regional NSW

RESEARCH GRANTS

Multi-year grants over up to two years

ORGANISATIONS	PROGRAM REACH
University of South Australia	National
University of Sydney	Regional NSW
University of New South Wales	National
Australian Catholic University	Major city, QLD
Griffith University	Regional QLD
University of Sydney	Regional NSW
Burnet Institute	National

SEED GRANTS

One-off grants

ORGANISATIONS	PROGRAM REACH
Transforming Justice Australia	Regional NSW
The trustee for the Cool Australia Trust	National
St Kilda Gatehouse	Major city, VIC
OneVision Productions	National
Far South Coast Family Support Centre	Regional NSW
Community Activities Lake Macquarie	Regional NSW
Little Dreamers	National
Phoenix Advocacy and Support Service	Major city, WA
Rosie's Place	National
Mettamorphosis Inc	National

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborative multi-year child protection programs addressing system-level change

ORGANISATIONS	PROGRAM REACH
The Benevolent Society	National
Australian Childhood Foundation and the Y Australia	National

Community-led place-based programs

The Benevolent Society is the recipient of a 2021 Strategic Partnership grant to help enhance awareness on child protection, wellbeing and safety within communities experiencing disadvantage.

Over the next three years, they will partner with three Australian communities to co-design innovative solutions that address local child protection and wellbeing needs.

Their place-based programs will be community-led and seek to increase awareness, understanding and accountability for safeguarding children. They will work with the local communities to develop resources and increase the capability of local organisations to improve child protection outcomes.

Supporting a broader conversation



BREAKING THE SILENCE ON ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

We are supporting a three-year impact campaign in association with The Children in the Pictures documentary. The documentary takes viewers inside the undercover operations of Task Force Argos, a renowned Australian-based police investigative team, as they identify and rescue children from online sexual abuse.

The impact campaign aims to:

- increase public awareness of OSEC
- remove barriers to identify perpetrators and rescue children
- help Australian media report on this crime appropriately

Westpac's support of this impact campaign through the Safer Children, Safer Communities program is one of the initiatives intended to help raise awareness of the issue of OSEC in Australia.

8 August to November 2021 (inclusive)



OVER FOUR MONTHS⁸, THE IMPACT CAMPAIGN HAS

Helped drive

230K+

views of the documentary through online, in-person and SBS screenings

Been a catalyst for the Australian media to discuss this issue through

96

stories with a combined audience reach of 16,355,0000

Facilitated

50+

film screenings and panel events with partners in the sector to discuss OSEC

Visit [The Children in the Pictures website](#) to watch the trailer and subscribe to receive updates about the film release and impact campaign

INFORMING POLICY AND PRACTICE THROUGH RESEARCH

In 2021, we offered seven research grants to support an improved understanding of risk factors for child abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation, investigating prevention and early intervention strategies with perpetrators, and developing evidence that can help inform changes in policy and practice. Our target areas were informed by a literature review and stakeholder consultations that revealed a critical gap in research knowledge relating to perpetrator motivations, including the growing proportion of young people engaging in unwanted or harmful sexual behaviours against children and young people.

⁹ See Madigan, S., Villani, V., Azzopardi, C., Laut, D., Smith, T., Temple, J. R., . . . Dimitropoulos, G. (2018). The prevalence of unwanted online sexual exposure and solicitation among youth: a meta-analysis. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 63*(2), 133-141. Seto, M., Hermann, C. A., Kjellgren, C., Priebe, G., Svedin, C. G., & Långström, N. (2015). Viewing child pornography: Prevalence and correlates in a representative community sample of young Swedish men. *Archives of sexual behavior, 44*(1), 67-79.

OSEC practices and attitudes amongst Australian men

Internationally, one in ten minors report being subject to unwanted sexual solicitation online. In one of the few surveys on the topic, research undertaken in Sweden showed that almost one in twenty men admit to intentionally viewing child sexual abuse material⁹. However, in Australia, there is a lack of similar information about perpetrators of OSEC, their attitudes and behaviours that normalise and justify their actions. This has limited efforts to prevent and accurately detect online abuse here.

To address this challenge, we are funding the Australian Human Rights Institute, in partnership with the Gendered Violence Research Network to conduct a survey of men's practices and attitudes relating to online child sexual exploitation.

The survey will examine men's behaviours relating to online child sexual exploitation, their use of technologies known to facilitate exploitation, and their attitudes to online child abuse more generally.

The findings from the survey aim to uncover the prevalence of online child offending behaviour in Australia and build an accurate picture of men most at risk of online offending against children. By examining men's use of technologies known to assist offending, the survey will provide important information for law enforcement, financial crimes investigators as well as policy makers to improve child protection outcomes.

DRIVING ACTION ACROSS AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

Over the next three years, our 2021 Strategic Partnership grant recipient, the Australian Childhood Foundation, in partnership with Y Australia intends to engage Australian business sectors such as telecommunications, travel and tourism, finance, and technology platforms to address this challenge.

The partnership will seek to establish an Australian Business Roundtable that will work collaboratively to assess risks to children and young people, enact policies and practices and share resources to help enhance organisational child safeguarding within participating businesses. This is in response to a lack of a nationally consistent approach across Australian businesses to strengthen child safeguarding practices.



A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our advisors, partners and stakeholders that have contributed to the outcomes achieved together.

ROUNDTABLE

Consists of experts in human rights, child safety, online safety, and law enforcement to guide our approach. In 2021, they endorsed our 2021 grant recipients and ICMEC partnership and guided our Child Safeguarding Position Statement and Strategic Partnerships program design.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

IJM and Save the Children Australia work on preventing OSEC in Asia Pacific. ICMEC, including ICMEC Australia, The Benevolent Society and the Australian Childhood Foundation (in partnership with the Y Australia) joined us this year as strategic partners in Australia.

ADVISORY GROUP

Consists of representatives from civil society, national child protection organisations and experts in modern slavery, trafficking and human rights. In 2021, they helped co-design our Strategic Partnerships program.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Includes Australian not-for-profit organisations who help children and young people in Australia through technology, education, research, and collaborative child protection programs.



GLOSSARY

APAC

Asia Pacific countries

AUSTRAC

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

CHILD

Under the Convention of the Rights of the Child, every human being below the age of 18 years is considered a child unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier¹⁰

CSE

Child Sexual Exploitation

FINTEL ALLIANCE

An AUSTRAC initiative established in 2017 to increase the resilience of the financial sector to criminal exploitation and support law enforcement investigations into serious crime and national security matters

¹⁰ Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 1, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx>

¹¹ United Nations, <https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/documents/youth/fact-sheets/youth-definition.pdf>

ICMEC

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children

IJM

International Justice Mission

OSEC/OCSE

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children/Online Child Sexual Exploitation

YOUNG PERSON/PEOPLE

The United Nations, for statistical purposes, defines those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 as youth¹¹

IMAGE CAPTIONS AND CREDITS

Front and back cover

Young carers enjoying respite at Little Dreamers' overnight programs. Image courtesy: Little Dreamers, recipient of a 2021 SCSC (Seed) grant valued at \$50,000. Image courtesy: Nat Court Photography

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A group of parents and caregivers attending the Protect Children-Philippines Community Training Workshops. Image courtesy: Save the Children Philippines

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A birds eye view of a training session with law enforcement officials from the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit, in the Philippines. Image courtesy: IJM

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Feeling Safe and Free workshop with a group of young people, conducted by Mettamorphosis Inc. Image courtesy: Mettamorphosis Inc, recipient of a 2021 SCSC (Seed) grant

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Safety training workshop by Prosper (Project Australia) as part of their #StrongSafeFabulous program. Image courtesy: Prosper (Project Australia), recipient of a 2021 SCSC (Scale) grant

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Playroom inside Parkerville's George Jones Advocacy Centre in Armadale, WA. Image courtesy: Parkerville Children and Youth Care, recipient of a 2020 SCSC (Scale) grant

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Screening of The Children in the pictures documentary. Image courtesy: DNX Media

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Research led by the Australian Human Rights Institute, in partnership with the Gendered Violence Research Network are both based at University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney. Image courtesy: UNSW

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Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show, delivered by the Bravehearts Foundation is aimed at children aged 3 to 8 and is delivered in early learning centres and lower primary schools to children of all abilities. Image courtesy: Bravehearts Foundation, recipient of a 2020 SCSC (Strengthen) grant valued at \$100,000 per year over two years

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