



Save the Children

Snapshot of our work in

**Tasmania**

We want every child to have the chance to fulfil their dreams. Children should be proud of who they are, where they come from and what they aspire to be.



Young people are ambitious. They're creative, brave and full of bright ideas. When they know they have their families, their teachers and their communities to back them, there's no limit to what they can achieve.

Our work is focused on making sure children and young people are engaged in education and learning, that families provide positive, safe and nurturing home environments, and that communities are strong, safe and supportive.

Working together with our partners and our supporters, our work is designed to make sure no child anywhere misses out. And that all children and young people have everything they need to be the best they can be.

#### **Our work in Tasmania**

We've been operating in Tasmania for nearly 70 years, working with families, communities and children themselves to give them the best possible start.

Our award-winning mentoring programs help disengaged young people to change the trajectory of their lives and our early learning programs support disadvantaged and newly-arrived refugee children and families. We're also making sure the very little ones are prepared and enthusiastic for the transition to school and we provide personal, one-on-one support to new mothers and fathers who have complex needs across the state.

Through the work of over 55 staff and with the support of our dedicated volunteers, we have made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children and their families throughout Tasmania.

# Our work in Tasmania

## Newly arrived families

Starting a new life in a country with different customs and a new language is daunting for anyone. It's even more complex for newly arrived migrant and refugee families who are often still processing the experiences that caused them to leave their home countries in the first place. Our 'It Takes a Village' program supports children, young people and families who are new to Tasmania and helps them settle into their new community through playgroups, parent clubs and support to connect with other services.

*"The majority of mothers tell us that participation in the program has improved their mental health and general wellbeing, and increased their ability to create a positive environment for their families."*

## Young children

We understand the importance of reaching the children who need a little extra support as early as possible. The years before school are crucial to healthy development. These are the years when young kids can develop the confidence for a successful start at school – and from there anything is possible! That's why we're working across the state to encourage early learning in the home and to give parents new ideas about how to build confidence and a passion for learning.

*"It's great to have the support from other mums going through the same things as you."*



## Mums, dads and carers

Our programs also support parents and communities, to help them create the best environment for their kids to grow up in. In the heart of Hobart, we run Volunteer Family Connect, a home-visiting program for parents with small children. Volunteers listen, provide moral support and offer friendship when families need an extra pair of helping hands. Many of our other programs also offer support and advice to parents.

*"Raising children is the most important job in the world and every little bit you do to help the family be happier and connected feels worthwhile."*

## Disengaged youth

For young people who have been led astray or have made mistakes that have got them in trouble with the law, it can be hugely challenging to re-engage with their community and to find a path to a positive future. It's critical they have encouragement and open-minded support to help them get back on track. Our work with young people who have been in detention or who are on bail has been enormously successful in helping kids discover new training and employment opportunities and in preventing them from further involvement in the youth justice system.

*"Without these guys I would probably be in a very bad place, probably back in Ashley again."*

Contact us to learn about our complete suite of programs in Tasmania.

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