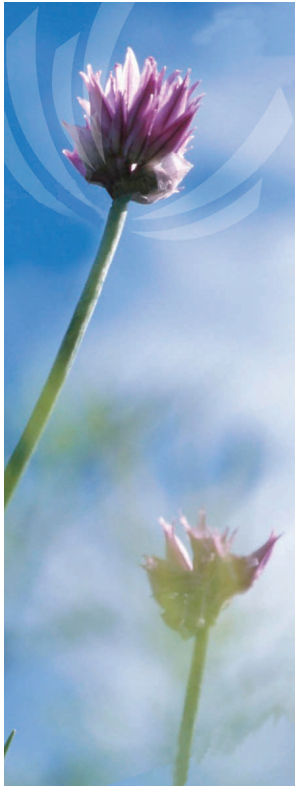


Vision

To provide quality professional community services to those in the Diocese of Rockhampton



Mission

To share in the healing ministry of Jesus, by providing professional community services to enhance the wellbeing of individuals and families.

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Child Witness Counselling



For children and young people affected by domestic and family violence





Aims of the Program

- ☺ To provide a supportive response to children and young people who have been affected by domestic or family violence through a free confidential and appropriate service.
- ☺ Support mothers and other primary care givers, in how to best support children and young people affected by domestic and family violence.
- ☺ Provide information and referral pathway as well as participate in raising community awareness through education and training.



How Do I Make An Appointment?

Appointments can be made by phoning Centacare. The administration staff will either make the appointment for you, or will leave the caseworker a message to return your call

What is Domestic and Family Violence?

Domestic and Family Violence is any behavior which causes a person to live in fear.

A more powerful partner or family member may use physical, sexual, financial, social and/or spiritual isolation, psychological or emotional abuse or threats of violence, over a less powerful partner or family member.

The abusive behavior is designed to control the actions and behavior of the other person.

Domestic and family violence has no barriers. It occurs in every social and ethnic group, in any place, at any age. It has lasting effects on all those living in homes where violence is used, especially children

Centacare actively encourages Aboriginal, Torres Strait Island and Australian South Sea Island people and people from other cultural and ethnic backgrounds to access our services.

Effects of Violence on Children

For the large majority of children exposed to violence within the home, the concern is not only for their health and safety, but also for their psychological and behavioural development.

Lack of stability, living in fear and anxiousness, poor role models, limited opportunities for learning through creative play and stimulation, and the traumatic experience of seeing and/or one parent abuse another, impacts heavily on child development.

Children growing up in violent homes may not be exposed to appropriate role models to assist them in developing suitable problem solving skills. Children who witness domestic violence learn that it is abuse is acceptable and that violence must be an a way to solve an argument. These patterns of learning can guide their behaviour in adult relationships, leading to an inter-generated cycle of abuse.

Children's responses to domestic violence varies according to age, sex, stage of development, and position and role in family.