

Kids in Focus - Family Drug Support Queensland

Kids in Focus (KIF) Family Drug Support, a program funded through FaHCSIA, has been established on the Gold Coast to provide early intervention and assertive outreach support to families with children impacted by substance misuse.



The Gold Coast Drug Council leads a collaborative partnership with the Benevolent Society Early Years Centre and Wesley Mission Brisbane. This provides Kids in Focus with specialist wrap-around services for families impacted by problematic substance use. Healthy attachment, resilience and adolescence issues can all be addressed while supporting parents within a dual diagnosis framework.

The intended approach to service delivery is to offer a flexible response to clients on the Gold Coast across multiple services settings including outreach and home visits. It is envisaged that the KIF project will achieve this by providing comprehensive needs assessments to identify areas that the family require support and intensive intervention.

KIF objectives

- ♥ Strengthen the capacity of family functioning and improve relationships
- ♥ Reduction in psychological and/or physical harm to a parent or carer substance user, their children and other family members
- ♥ Increased access to, and timely provision of, integrated services to improve child development, safety and family functioning
- ♥ Improve practical parenting skills
- ♥ To reduce the harms (or potential harms) from substance misuse, and any co-occurring mental health issue
- ♥ Increased collaboration and partnerships with relevant family, children's welfare, mental health and alcohol and other drug organisations
- ♥ Strengthen vulnerable and at-risk families connection with social and community networks



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Family Support Worker (10 — 17 yrs)
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KIF Referral & Resource Line

Kids in Focus — Family Drug Support also facilitates a telephone-based directory and resource service for Family Support Program (FSP) providers across Queensland.

The KIF telephone resource and referral line will support these FSP services by assessing concerns and suggesting various strategies available within the limitations of services in their area.

The KIF helpline aims to draw on clinical expertise, partner resources and networking practices to assist other FSP's respond to the needs of families with complex issues impacted by substance misuse.

Telephone Referral & Resource Person

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How Kids in Focus can support families



- ♥ Provide long-term, integrated & intensive outreach (in-home) support for children, their parents and carers impacted by substance use in the family
- ♥ To reduce the impact on children of problematic substance use by a parent or carer
- ♥ Help support children through engagement in age-appropriate social activities
- ♥ Assist parents develop practical parenting skills and facilitate access to children's services, such as: childcare, playgroup, parent-child programs
- ♥ Work with families to improve relationships and social support networks
- ♥ Assist parents and/or carers to access information, support and services to overcome substance mis-use
- ♥ Provide targeted counselling and intervention to minimise the risk of child abuse and neglect

It is the intention of Kids in Focus – Family Drug Support to adopt a 'whole of family focus' providing services to children, parents & carers, with the aim of minimising the effects of a parent's problematic substance use on these children

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**Outreach service to Families with Children
affected by substance use**