

Let's talk about the dollars:

Are we being clever in how we invest in keeping children safe and well?



NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

TURNING CONVERSATION INTO ACTION

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- Dr Robyn Mildon, Founding CEO, [Centre for Evidence and Implementation](#)
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In this webinar on **Thursday 7 September 2023** we helped to unpack the myths around the economic and structural costs associated with child abuse. We know there are deeply harmful personal and social costs to experiencing abuse, but what about the significant cost of child protection and related social services? Is this spending effective in keeping children safe and well? Or can we – should we – restructure our investment to enable better outcomes for children and their families?

The theme for National Child Protection Week (3 - 9 September 2023) was

**Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.
Where we start matters.**

The following sheet provides links to resources and topics that were mentioned in the above webinar, to help us **turn this conversation into action.**

Recordings & Resource Sheets for the National Child Protection Week 2023 webinars are available on the [NAPCAN website](#).



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Resources and links:

- The Productivity Commission reports are available [here](#) and [here](#).
- [The Australian Child Maltreatment Study](#).
- This work by Sue Roffey relates to these ideas about what it means to be child-friendly and what sort of society we want to create for all of us: [Creating the World We Want to Live in](#).
- [Per Capita](#) has also done some important work about growing inequality in Australia.
- [Anti-Poverty Week](#) is coming up in October and is focused on ending child poverty.
- Support NAPCAN's call for a [National Summit to Prevent Child Maltreatment](#).
- For information about the importance of how we frame public issues, see [NAPCAN's webinar](#).

Social media tiles from the webinar are available on NAPCAN's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)

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Thank you for your commitment to ensuring every child in every community has a fair go.

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Shared decision making means listening to families' & communities' diagnosis of the problem.

- Natalie Siegel-Brown
Commissioner, Productivity Commission

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We need to highlight positive stories/change so that the public can hear these stories too.

- Dr Robyn Mildon
Founding CEO, Centre for Evidence and Implementation

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