



# EARLY INTERVENTION RESEARCH DIRECTORATE (EIRD)



*Evidence and research to tackle complex problems*



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**Child Protection Systems Royal Commission Report**  
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The life they  
deserve



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**child  
protection**  
a fresh start.



Government of South Australia's  
response to the Child Protection  
Systems Royal Commission report:  
*The life they deserve.*



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# EIRD Charter and Scope

*...improving the wellbeing of children and families vulnerable to child abuse and neglect by identifying and promoting early intervention and prevention programs & services that work.*

EIRD will use best evidence to

- provide advice to government regarding best early intervention.
- consider policy and funding frameworks and make recommendations that maximise benefit of government \$.
- reflect the priorities of government, and will prioritise across-government, multidisciplinary efforts.
- focus on early intervention and research that will improve child protection outcomes for Aboriginal children.



# By the Numbers.....

1,000/20,000



50-60k notifications



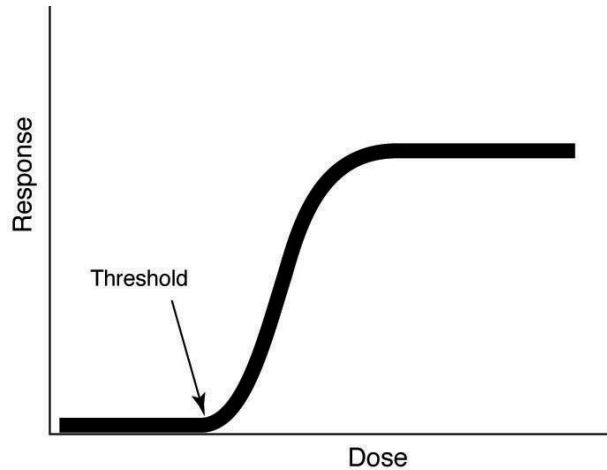
1 in 4 by 10

75% Govt

1 in 3



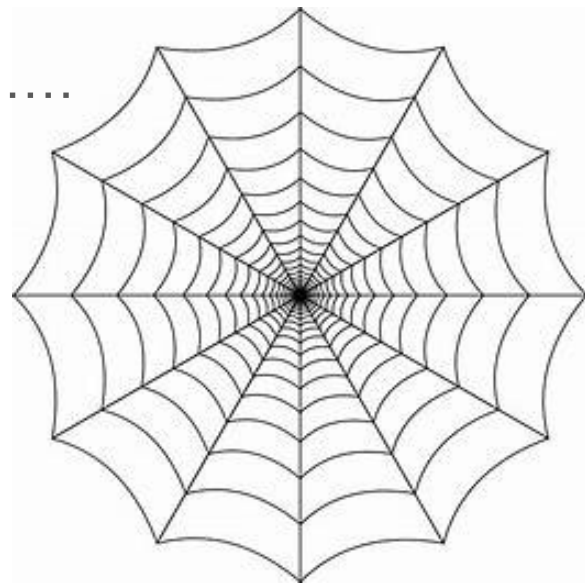
But what didn't we know?.....



# Findings to date – Implications for Practice

Children experience the risks of adults in their life.....

- Family vs child thinking
  - Family size/composition;
  - 280 families = 8000+ notifications
- Key factors influencing repeat contact with CP system
  - 1-49 in 6 months; 1-118 over 8 years;
  - 9% = 29%
  - Impact of family thinking
- Screening because we can or because we should?



# Child Protection as a Public Health Issue?



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cough up a fine.**



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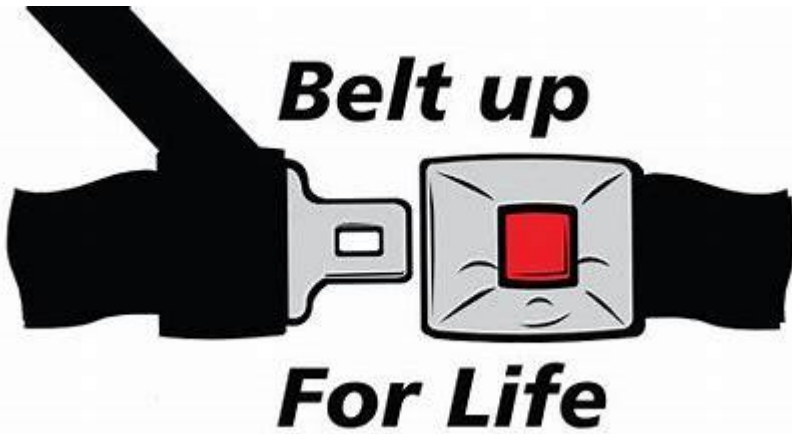
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# Anticipated Outcomes

- Support for those who need it
- Right supports are in place – sophisticated design, planning, allocation
- Resources spent appropriately
- Commitment to continued evidence creation, evaluation, intel



Where to next?

Do the best you can until  
you know better.

Then when you know better,  
do better.

-Maya Angelou



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