

Children by Choice

2023 Activities

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About Us

Children by Choice (CbyC) is an independent non-profit organisation, committed to providing unbiased information on all pregnancy options – abortion, adoption and parenting. Our primary objective is to ensure that women and pregnant people who experience hardship or distress with a pregnancy receive high-quality decision-making counselling, evidence-based information, material aid, and referral. In addition to this mission, Children by Choice seeks to empower people and communities to exercise reproductive health choices and to remove the discriminatory social, legal, clinical and policy barriers that pregnant people may face when seeking access to accurate information, support and services for their reproductive choices.

Our Values

Our values are core to everything we do at Children by Choice. They underpin our organisational vision and mission, and guide our everyday decisions and actions.

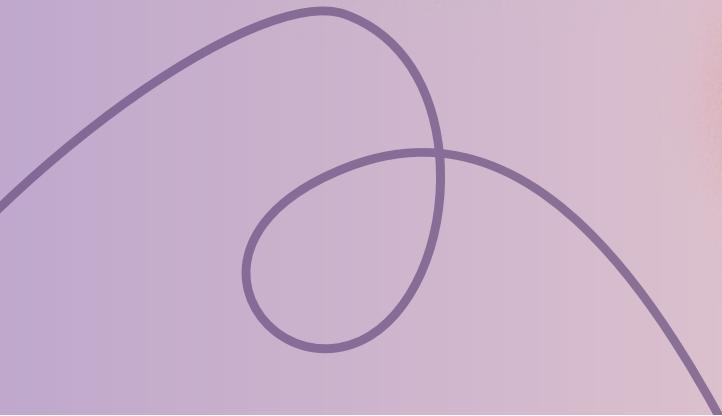
**Pro Choice
Collaborative
Compassionate
Feminist
Integrity**

Our Mission

To be leaders in advancing reproductive autonomy and access to compassionate abortion

Our Vision

People can freely and safely make their own reproductive and sexual health choices without barriers



Our Core Work

Children by Choice is funded by the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney General to deliver:

Prevention, capacity building and awareness-raising

System support includes a suite of activities to build the knowledge and capacity of individuals, professionals and the broader service systems so they respond effectively to gender-based violence, and health and wellbeing issues.

To promote a joined-up and holistic response to those affected by gender-based violence, and health and wellbeing issues, services actively promote cross-agency partnerships and collaboration and participate in integrated service delivery arrangements. This includes engagement with relevant government and non-government agencies to facilitate and coordinate appropriate and consistent responses to women affected by a range of gender-based safety and wellbeing issues.

Counselling, information and referral services

Our health and wellbeing support services provide trauma-informed support and counselling to women and pregnant people to achieve better well-being. This service type recognises the impact of women's experience of violence and trauma on their health and wellbeing, prioritising support for women or pregnant people with experiences of domestic and family violence, and other forms of gender-based violence.



Our Projects

Website Development

In 2022 we launched our new website and have received fantastic feedback. During 2023 we will be focusing on incorporating that feedback to make our website as accessible and inclusive as possible. If you have any feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Queensland Public Pathways and Provision Information Webinar

Each quarter our team will conduct a free webinar to support health and community workers to understand and stay current on the public pathways for abortion provision in Queensland.

Reproductive Rights and Abortion Conference 2024

We are currently in the initial stages of planning the 2024 conference. This event brings together health and community professionals interested in or working in contraception and abortion provision across Australia to advance their skills and expertise in this area of reproductive health.

Our fee for service training and education

- Introduction to non directive pregnancy options
- Introduction to reproductive coercion and abuse
- Introduction to post-abortion support
- Abortion Doula training/Support Person Training



Resources

Easy English Resources

Resources to support the understanding on pregnancy options, contraception and reproductive coercion and abuse for people with intellectual and learning disabilities.



Language Guide

Our team developed a Language Guide with an overview of key recommended terms we believe are best practice in the sector to date. Children by Choice uses these preferred terms in our work to talk about our services, clients and associated concepts.

Multicultural Resources

Culturally appropriate and in-language resources on topics of reproductive health, understanding access to abortion in Queensland and recognising the signs of reproductive coercion and abuse.



Reproductive Coercion and Abuse

Information to increase people and practitioners knowledge to recognise the signs of reproductive coercion and abuse.



Download all the printable resources from our website.



Reconciliation Action Plan

In early 2023, we are launching our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan and undertaking on the each deliverable. As an organisation we are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. We recognise and acknowledge First Nations people as the owners of the land on which our service operates and on which we work and live.

We are constantly seeking to understand the implications of our work for reproductive rights and justice and acknowledge the marginalised space we work in has been historically problematic and harmful to many First Nations people. We acknowledge that as a mostly white organisation over the years, Children by Choice may have contributed to creating or perpetuating harm or trauma for First Nations people.

We have commissioned an art piece to represent this commitment by the local First Nations artist Christy McKinless-Currie. We will unveil this piece and launch the RAP to our stakeholders at the Fireworks Gallery in Bowen Hills Queensland in February.



Children by Choice's RAP e-mail Signature

Research Priorities

Children by Choice is committed to advancing the evidence base on abortion, contraception and reproductive coercion and abuse in Australia. We have a dedicated Research Officer on staff and regularly use our data to publish articles, case studies and information.

Our 2023 research priorities include understanding the reproductive healthcare experiences of Queensland women with intellectual disabilities, publishing a collation of best-practice evidence on pregnancy options counselling from around the world, and conducting and publishing evaluation of our online abortion and contraception providers map.

Papers

Be the first one to read the new findings from our research team and collaborators. Stay up to date with the best practices and recommendations.



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Abortion and Contraception Services Online Map

The Abortion and Contraception Services Map allows individuals and professionals to find services in Queensland to access abortion or contraception. We are continually updating this map and invite all providers to register to be included.



Donate

We aim to promote Reproductive Justice in Australia and globally. While some of our work is government-funded much of it isn't, particularly financially supporting people to receive comprehensive and compassionate healthcare when accessing abortions.

Donating to these initiatives is a very important way of showing your support for our work.



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Children by Choice acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities.

In particular, we acknowledge the country north and south of the Brisbane River, as the home of both the Turrbul and Jagera nations. We pay our respect to them, their culture, and to their Elders both past and present.

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