

# Media Release

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**Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services  
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**ROBERT MCCLELLAND MP**

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## **\$100 MILLION FOR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SERVICES**

Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, and Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, today announced the Government would invest more than \$100 million over the next two years to assist families deal with relationship difficulties.

The funding will support a range of measures such as early intervention services including counselling, skills training, mediation, as well as post-separation services including family and couples' counselling, specialised family violence services, dispute mediation and parenting support.

These services will be delivered through 60 Early Intervention Services, 40 Family Relationship Centres and 30 Post Separation Services.

"Families can often face complex and difficult relationship issues and it is important that family services are available to support them before problems escalate," Ms Macklin said.

"This funding is part of the Australian Government's commitment to assisting families by providing access to a range of appropriate services which best meet their different needs."

There has been a significant increase in families using family relationship services in the nine months from July last year to April this year with more than 212,000 people attending a provider. This compares with the 12 months to June 2008 where service providers saw 234,000 people seeking help.

Based on these early figures, the Australian Government is projecting a 29 per cent increase in attendance at family relationship services this year compared to last year.

The number of people seeking support for post separation parenting and relationship difficulties has risen substantially.

Mr McClelland said, "I am pleased these new funding agreements will enable family services to continue their critical role in reducing family conflict and providing affordable, effective and fair dispute resolution."

"These services provide parents with the ongoing support and assistance that can prevent family breakdown. If separation does occur, they can minimise the negative impact on children," Mr McClelland said.

New funding agreements for family relationship services will introduce increased flexibility to ensure services are tailored and more responsive to the individual needs of families and children.

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Organisations to receive funding:

Organisation	Service Location	Total Amount Offered
Marymead Child and Family Centre	Canberra	\$999,763.20
Relationships Australia Canberra and Region	Canberra	\$3,018,035.00
	<b>ACT Total</b>	<b>\$4,017,798.20</b>
Anglicare NSW	Nowra	\$1,250,520.00
Centacare Broken Bay	North Ryde	\$265,200.00
Centacare Sydney	Fairfield	\$326,400.00
Centacare Wollongong	Campbelltown	\$306,000.00
Interrelate	Greater Newcastle	\$1,936,980.00
	Lismore	\$2,846,987.00
	Maitland	\$280,752.26
	Port Macquarie	\$832,704.00
	Sutherland	\$3,397,112.00
Relationships Australia Canberra and Region	Wagga Wagga	\$1,047,540.00
Relationships Australia NSW	Blacktown	\$1,509,600.00
	Maitland/Singleton	\$551,952.60
	North Ryde	\$1,700,340.00
	Penrith	\$3,282,555.00
	Wollongong	\$1,030,750.00
UnitingCare	Campbelltown	\$906,780.00
	Fairfield	\$1,086,300.00
	Wollongong	\$1,947,455.40
	<b>NSW Total</b>	<b>\$24,505,928.26</b>
Anglicare NT	Darwin	\$520,710.00
Centacare NT	Alice Springs/Tennant Creek	\$749,822.00
	Barkly	\$265,200.00
	Darwin	\$494,740.00
	Katherine	\$285,600.00
	Top End Regional Areas	\$1,041,420.00
Relationships Australia NT	Darwin	\$2,965,964.16
	<b>NT Total</b>	<b>\$6,323,456.16</b>
Centacare Brisbane	Caboolture	\$270,296.00
	Gold Coast	\$2,290,869.00
	Sunshine Coast	\$562,366.00
Centacare Rockhampton	Emerald/Far West	\$255,000.00
	Rockhampton/Gladstone	\$1,614,660.00
Centacare Toowoomba	Roma/Charleville	\$265,200.00
	Mt Isa	\$614,437.00
	Townsville	\$3,335,751.00
Community Services Australia	Ipswich	\$754,800.00
Foundations	Gold Coast	\$312,120.00
	Ipswich	\$230,520.00
	Sunshine Coast	\$312,120.00
Kinections	Ipswich	\$438,600.00
	South Brisbane	\$265,000.00
Lifeline Community Care	Sunshine Coast	\$1,055,700.00
	Wide Bay / Burnett	\$604,023.60
Pine Rivers Neighbourhood	Caboolture/Strathpine	\$770,650.80

Organisation	Service Location	Total Amount Offered
Association		
Relationships Australia Queensland	Brisbane	\$451,976.28
	Cairns	\$2,197,080.00
	Rockhampton	\$490,620.00
	Strathpine	\$1,887,053.04
	Townsville	\$624,852.00
	Upper Mount Gravatt	\$1,381,080.00
Youth and Family Service (Logan City)	Logan	\$812,307.60
	<b>QLD Total</b>	<b>\$21,797,082.32</b>
Anglican Community Care	Mt Gambier	\$551,952.00
Anglicare SA	Adelaide	\$2,062,011.00
Centacare Adelaide	Noarlunga	\$306,000.00
Centacare Port Pirie	Port Augusta	\$1,506,540.00
Relationships Australia South Australia	Adelaide – Salisbury	\$2,666,035.00
	Berri	\$230,520.00
	Northern Adelaide	\$812,307.60
	Riverland	\$489,467.40
UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide	Noarlunga	\$1,124,040.00
UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie	Port Augusta	\$230,520.00
	<b>SA Total</b>	<b>\$9,979,393.00</b>
Centacare Tasmania	Burnie/Devonport	\$426,982.00
	Hobart	\$385,325.00
	Launceston	\$204,000.00
Relationships Australia Tasmania	Devonport	\$230,520.00
	Hobart	\$1,757,916.00
	Launceston	\$1,015,920.00
	<b>TAS Total</b>	<b>\$4,020,663.00</b>
Centacare Catholic Diocese of Ballarat	Ballarat	\$894,540.00
Bethany Community Support	Geelong	\$562,366.80
Centacare Catholic Diocese of Ballarat	Mildura	\$426,982.00
Centacare Melbourne	Geelong	\$1,170,960.00
Centacare Sandhurst	Bendigo	\$234,600.00
EACH	Ringwood	\$3,832,425.00
FMC	Morwell/Traralgon	\$940,440.00
LifeWorks	Werribee	\$268,486.41
Mallee Family Care	Mildura	\$1,580,875.00
Relationships Australia VIC	Ballarat	\$132,600.00
	Berwick	\$1,164,840.00
	Greensborough	\$1,677,900.00
	Morwell/Traralgon	\$697,751.40
	Sunshine	\$3,561,656.00
Southern Family Life Services Association Inc	Frankston	\$2,488,993.00
Upper Hume Community Health Service	Albury/Wodonga	\$214,200.00
Upper Murray Family Care	Albury/Wodonga	\$1,114,860.00
	<b>VIC Total</b>	<b>\$20,964,475.61</b>
Anglicare WA	Broome	\$426,982.00
	Joondalup	\$2,257,798.00

Organisation	Service Location	Total Amount Offered
	Mandurah	\$455,940.00
	North Metropolitan	\$1,149,727.00
	Pilbara-Kimberley	\$652,832.00
Centacare Geraldton	Geraldton	\$1,247,460.00
Centrecare Inc	Kalgoorlie	\$551,952.00
	Midland	\$1,218,900.00
Relationships Australia WA	Albany	\$489,467.40
	Mandurah	\$495,720.00
	Midland	\$265,200.00
	Port Hedland	\$489,467.40
	<b>WA Total</b>	<b>\$9,701,445.80</b>
<b>Total National</b>		<b>\$101,310,242.35</b>