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## St Joseph's Child and Youth Services

St Joseph's Child and Youth Services provides out-of-home care and case management services for children and young people through home-based care, residential services, foster care, and lead tenant services. During 2000/01, St Joseph's redeveloped its structure to provide better quality and more relevant services to the children and young people in its care. Together with the redevelopment of services, St Joseph's changed its name from St Joseph's Babies and Family Services to St Joseph's Child and Youth Services, to better reflect the breadth of its services.

**Specialised Home Based Care** provides support for children and young people with complex needs. The service includes case management support.

**Foster Care** is provided by a dedicated group of volunteers who provide both respite and longer term foster care for children.

**Pre-adoptive foster care** is provided for a small number of babies who are waiting to be adopted.

**Lead Tenant Services** are provided for young people aged 16 to 18 years who are moving into independent living.

**Residential Services** are provided for young people, who are cared for in group homes and rostered units, supported by case management services.

**Adolescent Services** provides residential care for high needs young people with difficult behaviour, who are cared for in rostered units with intensive case management support.

**Team Leaders:**  
Home Based Care and Lead Tenant Services – **Katie Hooper**; Group Homes – **Georgina Alley**; Adolescent Services- **Chris Bull**.

**Staff:**  
54 staff including case managers and case manager supervisors, residential care workers, youth worker, administrative and domestic staff, and pastoral care worker.

**Expenditure:**  
\$2,988,038

### Highlights

During 2000/01, St Joseph's Child and Youth Services

- Each night cared for an average of 51 children and young people through its foster care, residential care and lead tenant services;
- Redeveloped its structure to more appropriately reflect the needs of the children and young people in its care, and to provide quality residential and case management services, particularly for difficult to manage young people;
- Moved from family group homes to rostered models of care to accommodate more challenging adolescents in care;
- Undertook a review of its foster care service, including future directions, practice issues and future funding;
- Received increased funding to provide foster care services in the Northern metropolitan region;
- Received funding from the Precision Trust to conduct a program of camping and outdoor activities for the children and young people in care;
- Began the upgrade of residential properties where maintenance and care had deteriorated.