



Media Release

Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP
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New local support service will keep more Bundaberg families safely together

Vulnerable families in Bundaberg will have better access to more intensive and specialist support services to help keep their children safely at home and out of the child protection system.

Child Safety Minister Shannon Fentiman today announced Impact Services would receive close to \$3.7 million over the next five years to set up and deliver the Bundaberg Intensive Family Support (IFS) service.

“Some of Bundaberg’s most vulnerable families will benefit from this new service,” Ms Fentiman said.

“We know that the needs of vulnerable families are becoming increasingly complex and that’s why stepped-up services are so important to help keep them safe and together.

“These services are designed to provide targeted and intensive support to families before they reach crisis point and reduce the number of children and young people who need to go into care.

“They are designed to work with families to help them adequately nurture, protect and keep their children safe.”

There are 23 Intensive Family Support services up and running across Queensland.

In the two years that new services have been established, more than 5700 families across the state have been referred to an IFS service for assistance.

Member for Bundaberg Leanne Donaldson said the IFS was an important boost that would help local families to stay together.

“These services do a great job helping families, and with this extra funding they will be able to expand their services to even more,” Ms Donaldson said.

“It’s about keeping families together safely at home whenever we can and helping families overcome issues such as domestic and family violence, drug and alcohol misuse, mental illness and parental history of childhood trauma.”

For more information go to www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/reform-renewal/child-family

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