

Kids Helpline(KHL): A part of the mental health infrastructure



Kids Helpline contacts come from...

Referrals from:

A range of state government departments (Health, education, employment)

Federal government departments Other mental health providers such as Lifeline and headspace Widespread brand awareness of KHL Children and young people call, webchat or email KHL counsellors or access digital resources

Brand tracking found 77% of children and young people are aware of KHL in 2017

Delivered by tertiary qualified, youth specialist counsellors, KHL roles include:

PREVENTION

Children and young people with any issue that could lead to mental ill-health

- Invites children and young people to talk about anything (any time, any reason), including issues that intersect with mental health
- · Encourages help-seeking
- · Promotes wellbeing
- Facilitates early referral to support
- Refers to KHL digital health resources and Niggle app

FRONT DOOR TO MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Children and young people with any mental health concern or need

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- Helps children and young people navigate the mental health system
- Provides different modes of access and is free, making it easy for children and young people to access
- Sign-posts and refers children and young people to community services (e.g. headspace, GP or emergency)
- Refers to KHL digital health resources and Niggle app

SOFT ENTRY

Children and young people with emerging or undiagnosed mental health needs

- Supports anonymous access and is a nonconfronting service that children and young people feel comfortable accessing
- Invites children and young people to call about any reason so they can 'test' the service and disclose issues when they feel comfortable
- Prepares children and young people to access formal services
- Provides psycho-education
- Refers to KHL digital health resources and Niggle app

SAFETY NET

Children and young people with diagnosed mental health needs

- Provides 24/7 access to KHL and thereby prevents children and young people from slipping through system cracks
- Holds clients waiting to access services either due to long waiting lists or after hours
- Is easily accessed by:
- Children and young people in rural and remote communities
- Children with CALD backgrounds
- Directly works with clients in crisis and links in with their external supports (e.g. psychologist) and other services (e.g. Police)
- · Refers to KHL Circles
- Refers to KHL digital health resources and Niggle app

CASE MANAGEMENT

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Children and young people with complex diagnosed mental health needs

- Undertakes assessments
- · Case plans, sets goals and case reviews
- Safety plans
- Coordinates support services
- · Refers clients to other services
- Organises and/or participates in case teleconferences with other support services (e.g. GP, psychiatrist or psychologist)
- · Facilitates self-management
- Developing partnership with Orygen re how to support and work with 'missing middle'
- · Refers to KHL Circles