

# Barnardos Children's Family Centre

c. 1983 –

**Other Names:** • Barnardo House

**URL:** <http://www.barnardos.org.au/our-centres/canberra/>

## Details

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Barnardos Children's Family Centre in Downer came into being in 1983 and replaced Barnardos House and Berwick House in Curtin. By the early 1990s Barnardos had shifted away from residential care to foster care and family support. From 1993 Barnardos Children's Family Centre has run Find-a-Family ACT, a program organising permanent foster placements.

Barnardos Children's Family Centre offers family support, out-of-home care and supported accommodation services for children, adolescents and their families in the ACT and surrounding areas. The Centre was previously known as Barnardos House; it opened in 1964 and was the first children's Home providing permanent care in the ACT.

Since the 1970s there has been a major emphasis on family-based placements. In 2011 there are no children's homes for children under twelve. Efforts are focused on finding permanent solutions for children within their own family if possible, alternatively children are placed with substitute families or supported in independent living.

Services include: foster care, homelessness transition programs and housing outreach, mentoring programs, family support. The program Find-a-Family ACT (or FAF Canberra) assists children unable to live at home with permanent family care placements or adoption.

## Gallery

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**Welfare - First Barnardo Home opened in Canberra 29 February 1964**

**Description:** This image shows the front of Barnardo House upon its opening in 1964.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Berwick House (1968 - 1983)
- Barnardos House (1964 - 1982)

- **Barnardos Children's Family Centre (c. 1983 – )**

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Barnardos Australia \(c. 1995 - current\)](#)
- [Dr Barnardos in Australia \(1966 - c. 1995\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Dr Barnardo's Homes \(Australia Branch\) \(1883 - 1966\)](#)

## Records

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## Records

- [Barnardos Australia, Records \(c. 1883 - current\)](#)
- [Dr. Barnardo's in Australia, records \(c. 1921 - 1985?\)](#)

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