

Australia brings world's first children's mental health and wellbeing strategy

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\$54.2 M funding to create new Head to Health Kids mental health and wellbeing centres for children up to 12 years



The Australian government has launched the world's first National Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The strategy provides a framework to guide the development of a comprehensive, integrated system of services to maintain and support the mental health and wellbeing of children aged 0-12 and their families.

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, said the strategy was part of the Morrison Government's long-term national health plan.

The strategy provides a roadmap through coordinated investment and program development to ensure that children aged 0-12 can have all the opportunities for growth and development possible.

Importantly, several key priorities identified in the strategy received funding in the 2021-22 Budget, which provided a record \$2.3 billion for the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan aimed at transforming Australia's mental health system.