

# Children by Choice 2022 Activities



### CHILDREN BY CHOICE

#### About Us

Children by Choice (CbyC) is an independent non-profit organisation, committed to providing unbiased information on all pregnancy options – abortion, adoption and parenting. Our primary objective is to ensure that women and pregnant people who experience hardship or distress with a pregnancy receive high-quality decision-making counselling, evidence-based information, material aid, and referral. In addition to this mission, Children by Choice seeks to empower people and communities to exercise reproductive health choices and to remove the discriminatory social, legal, clinical and policy barriers that pregnant people may face when seeking access to accurate information, support and services for their reproductive choices.

#### Our Values

Our values are core to everything we do at Children by Choice. They underpin our organisational vision and mission, and guide our everyday decisions and actions.

Pro Choice Collaborative Compassionate Feminist Integrity

#### Our Mission

To be leaders in advancing reproductive autonomy and access to compassionate abortion

#### Our Vision

People can freely and safely
make their own
reproductive and sexual
health choices without
barriers

## Our Core Work

Children by Choice is funded by the Queensland Departmen Justice and Attorney General to deliver:

#### <u>Prevention, capacity building and awareness-raising</u>

System support includes a suite of activities to build the knowledge and capacity of individuals, professionals and the broader service systems so they respond effectively to gender-based violence, and health and wellbeing issues.

To promote a joined-up and holistic response to those affected by gender-based violence, and health and wellbeing issues, services actively promote cross-agency partnerships and collaboration and participate in integrated service delivery arrangements. This includes engagement with relevant government and non-government agencies to facilitate and coordinate appropriate and consistent responses to women affected by a range of gender-based safety and wellbeing issues.

#### Counselling, information and referral services

Our health and wellbeing support services provide traumainformed support and counselling to women and pregnant people to achieve better well-being. This service type recognises the impact of women's experience of violence and trauma on their health and wellbeing, prioritising support for women or pregnant people with experiences of domestic and family violence, and other forms of gender-based violence.





# Our Projects

#### Multicultural Project

Co-designing digital, video and print resources for language groups on pregnancy options, contraception and reproductive coercion.

#### Easy English Resources Project

Co-designing digital, video and print resources for people with intellectual and learning disabilities on pregnancy options, contraception and reproductive coercion.

#### Women's Health Tasmania Project

Co-designing professional development for health and community service workers on pregnancy options, reproductive coercion and post abortion counselling in a Tasmanian context.

#### Our fee for service Training and Education

- Abortion Doula training
- Non directive pregnancy options counselling and applied practice
- Introduction to reproductive coercion, contraceptive options and applied practice
- Introduction to post-abortion counselling and applied practice

# Our Reproductive Rights and Abortion Conference

We are holding the 2022 Reproductive Rights and Abortion Conference at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 4 Friday 5 August 2022.

The conference brings together health and community professionals working with anyone experiencing unplanned pregnancy, and those interested in or working in contraception and abortion provision across Australia to advance their skills and expertise in this area of reproductive health. The conference is also a unique time for the sector to come together and share experiences and discuss national and local responses.

The conference will comprise of plenary sessions with experts and specialist break out workshops. The conference will incorporate specific streams on the intersection of unplanned pregnancy, abortion and domestic violence, contraception and a clinical stream for medical practitioners providing or assisting in abortion care.

Consistent with previous years, we anticipate 200 delegates including:

- · doctors and health practitioners;
- providers of abortion services;
- allied health and education professionals;
- youth, community and domestic violence workers; and
- · academics and students.









#### Abortion and Contraception Online Map

In 2021 we launched Queensland's only online abortion and contraception map, allowing individuals and professionals to find a service to access abortion or contraception. We are continually updating this map and invite all providers to register to be included.



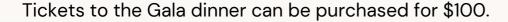
#### Research

Children by Choice is committed to advancing the evidence base on abortion, contraception and reproductive coercion in Australia. We have a dedicated Research Assistant on staff and regularly use our data to publish articles, case studies and information.

# 50 year Anniversary

#### 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Founded on March 19, 1972, Children by Choice is celebrating 50 years of counselling, education and advocacy in 2022. We are holding a 50th anniversary Gala dinner on Thursday 4 August from 5:30pm at Queensland Parliament House – the event is sponsored by the Queensland Attorney General Hon Shannon Fentiman – Minister for Women and Minister for the prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.





#### Fundraiser

We aim to promote Reproductive Justice in Australia and globally. While some of our work is government-funded much of it isn't, particularly financially supporting people to access abortions.

To commemorate the 50th year, we have created limited edition T-shirts as part of our campaign and fundraiser to support pregnant people in receiving comprehensive and compassionate healthcare when accessing abortions.



DONATE!







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#### **ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE ABORIGINAL LAND**

Children by Choice acknowledge the traditional owners of country throughout Queensland and their continued connection to land, water, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.