

Simple. Evidence-led. Built for our industry.

UnLtd focuses on **three things that matter most to children and young people’s life outcomes in Australia**. The data is clear, consistent, and national. When these foundations are strong, everything else improves. When they’re weak, disadvantage compounds.

That’s why all our work sits under **three Impact Lanes: Start, Home and Belonging**.

This gives the industry **clarity, credibility and impact we can actually measure** over time.

THE THREE IMPACT LANES

START

Early childhood, safety, identity and culture.

What the evidence says:

Disadvantage begins early. Children who experience unsafe environments, disrupted relationships or weak early learning foundations are far more likely to experience poor education, health and mental health outcomes later in life. Early disadvantage compounds over time.

Why this matters for impact:

Early conditions are the strongest predictors of long-term outcomes. This is where prevention has the highest payoff.

(Data sources: AIHW; ARACY & UNICEF State of Australia’s Children)

HOME

Housing stability and safety.

What the evidence says:

Without a safe, stable place to live, nothing else works. Housing insecurity underpins school disengagement, poor mental health and youth homelessness. Crisis responses don’t shift outcomes — stability does.

Why this matters for impact:

Housing stability is a precondition for education, wellbeing and participation. It is one of the most measurable foundations of change.

(Data sources AIHW; ABS homelessness data; Productivity Commission)

BELONGING

Mental health, identity, participation and voice.

What the evidence says:

Mental ill-health is driven by exclusion, insecurity and discrimination — not individual weakness. Belonging, connection and being heard are powerful protective factors, particularly for First Nations and LGBTQIA+ young people.

Why this matters for impact:

Belonging predicts wellbeing, resilience and help-seeking. It is a measurable social condition, not a “soft” concept.

(Data sources: Mission Australia Youth Survey; Monash Australian Youth Barometer; ABS LGBTQIA+ wellbeing data)

WHY THIS FRAMEWORK WORKS

It’s simple

Three lanes that anyone can understand, explain and commit to.

It’s evidence-led

These are the highest-leverage drivers of child and youth outcomes identified across Australia’s most credible national data sets.

It’s measurable

Each lane aligns to existing national indicators and charity-level data — enabling credible, aggregated impact reporting over time.

It’s a focus the industry can buy into

Instead of many disconnected causes and charities, the industry collectively backs the issues that impact children and young people the most (negatively) — and can see how their effort contributes to real change.

IN ONE LINE

Start. Home. Belonging.

If these foundations are strong, children and young people thrive. If they’re not, everything else falls apart.

Sources:

UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund.

Global agency advocating for the rights, wellbeing and safety of children— especially those facing discrimination, conflict, poverty or exclusion.

ARACY – Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth.

National research and advocacy body working to improve outcomes for children and young people through evidence, systems change and cross-sector collaboration.

Mission Australia.

National community services organisation providing support across housing, mental health, youth services and family assistance, with a focus on people experiencing disadvantage.

AIHW – Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Australia’s independent national agency for health and welfare data, reporting on trends affecting populations, including children, young people and First Nations communities.

Closing the Gap – National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

A partnership-driven national framework aiming to improve life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across health, education, justice and socio-economic indicators.

Monash University Youth Barometer.

Annual research series capturing the perspectives and lived experiences of young Australians, including inequalities shaped by gender, race, culture and socio-economic background.