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## Ongoing support for vulnerable Ipswich families

Vulnerable children and their families in the Ipswich area will continue to receive vital support through Mission Australia's Referral for Active Intervention (RAI) services.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan announced funding today of more than \$955,000 for Mission Australia to continue to provide the service for the next 12 months.

"This is about looking after children from birth to ten years, and their families, who are considered at low risk as far as immediate safety, but who have high and complex needs that would benefit from intensive support," Ms Nolan said.

Mission Australia delivers a range of intensive support services, such as domestic and family violence counselling, drug and alcohol services, mental and child health services and parenting and life skills programs.

"Families from Riverview through to Laidley and from Esk to Boonah will have access to a full range of support services," she said.

Ms Nolan said a recent evaluation showed that the RAI services were working.

"There has been a drop in the number of families falling into crisis and their children going into the care of the state," she said.

"Early intervention is the key. By acting early we're giving families and their children the best possible chance of overcoming many of the issues and problems that place them at risk.

"It is expected that Mission Australia will be able to provide support for over 250 families in the Ipswich area over the next 12 months," Ms Nolan said.

The Ipswich service is one of eleven RAI services rolled out across the state to provide prevention and early intervention services for Queensland families and children.

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