



## The Family Pathways surveys

Family Pathways is a group of surveys looking at the experiences of separated families. The Adolescent Study is one of these surveys.

Your family has been selected to be part of the Family Pathways study. This will involve young people and parents from all over Australia.

These surveys will provide a picture of what life is like for separated families of all different kinds.

### Kids Help Line

If you need to speak to someone in person you can call **Kids Help Line** on **1800 55 1800** or visit **[www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)** to talk to a counsellor online.

Helpful information is also available at **[REACHOUT.COM](http://REACHOUT.COM)**

## More information

For more information about the study visit the website:

**[www.aifs.gov.au/familypathways](http://www.aifs.gov.au/familypathways)**

The Social Research Centre will be interviewing participants for the Institute. To update your contact details or make a time for an interviewer to call you, call us on 1800 443 135.

## Who is conducting the survey?

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is undertaking the Family Pathways study. The Institute undertakes high-quality research that informs the Australian Government and the community.

The study is funded by the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as part of an evaluation of the family law reforms.



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## The Adolescent Study

The Adolescent Study focuses on the experiences and opinions of young people whose parents have separated.

This study will help us to identify the best ways in which support for young people and their families can be provided.

Your views are important. Some people may find it difficult to talk about family separation, but we need your help in understanding how family separation impacts upon young people.

## What do I have to do?

An interviewer from the Social Research Centre may phone you soon to invite you to talk about your experiences. All you have to do is answer the list of questions the interviewer asks you.

Taking part is voluntary and you can skip any questions that you don't want to answer.

**Being part of this study gives you the chance to express your opinions and have a say.**

## How will my privacy be protected?

All interviewers, researchers and others involved in the study must comply with the *Privacy Act 1988*. Very strict procedures are followed to ensure that your information remains confidential, as far as allowed by law.

If you agree to participate in the survey, your answers will remain strictly confidential. Your parents won't be able to find out what you've said, unless you want to talk to them about it.

Information collected during the survey will be used for research purposes only and will never be used in any way that identifies you or your family.

Your contact details will be removed before your survey information is passed to the researchers at the Institute.

