



Join our study

You have been randomly selected to be part of a new national study of separated families involving 10,000 parents from all over Australia.

Being part of this unique study gives you a voice to tell your story, to have your say.

Your views are important so that we can get an accurate picture of what life is like for a full range of separated parents, from various areas and circumstances, regardless of how often you have contact with your child.

The Family Pathways study is being conducted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. The Institute undertakes high-quality research that informs the Australian Government and the community and influences policy, services and support for families.



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Your privacy

Information you give us during the interview will remain strictly confidential and will never be used in any way that identifies you, your child or family.

All interviewers, researchers and others involved must comply with the *Privacy Act 1988*. Very strict procedures are followed to ensure information you provide remains absolutely confidential.

More information

For more information about the study visit the website:
www.aifs.gov.au/familypathways

The Social Research Centre will undertake the data collection for the Institute. To update your contact details, telephone Freecall 1800 443 135.

About us

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is an Australian Government statutory authority that originated under the Australian *Family Law Act 1975*. It was established in 1980 to promote the identification and understanding of factors affecting marital and family stability in Australia. To find out more about the Institute visit our main website at: www.aifs.gov.au

The Institute has been commissioned by the Attorney-General's Department and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to undertake an evaluation of the family law reforms. Information collected from the Family Pathways study will contribute to the Institute's evaluation.



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A better overall picture

You can help us to gain a better picture of what is happening within separated families in Australia.

This will be important for us to understand how changes to the family law system and changes to the child support scheme affect the lives of separated parents and their children.

Tell your story, have your say

To fully understand the impact of the changes, we may talk to both parents in order to gain a full picture.

Your privacy is important to us and all information collected will be kept strictly confidential.

Focusing on the children

We know that parenting after separation can be pretty tough.

This study will help to identify opportunities for improving support for children and their families after separation.

The information will help answer things like:

- How do families manage parenting after separation?
- How are children's arrangements negotiated?
- What are the changes and challenges of life following family breakdown?

The information collected will help inform future policies and services that will benefit families experiencing relationship difficulties.



What is involved?

An accredited interviewer may telephone you soon to invite you to talk about your experiences of separation, caring for your children, and how you and your family are readjusting to life after separation.

Taking part is voluntary and you can choose not to answer questions.

The information you provide during the interview will be used for research purposes only and will **not** be provided to any government agency. Your child support will **not** be affected by whether you choose to participate in the study.

Please be assured that all information collected will be kept **strictly confidential**. All details that could identify you or your family will be removed.