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Young people to be kept safer thanks to residential care funding boost

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The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare welcomes the Andrews' Government more than $35 million boost to residential care.

"This investment will enhance the safety and support provided to young people living in residential care homes because they are unable to live with their parents.

"The Andrews Government has committed to reforming the child protection system to put a stronger focus on prevention and early intervention, so struggling families receive support before they reach crisis point. This is absolutely crucial if we are to better protect vulnerable kids in our community.

"But there will always be children and young people who are unable to live with their parents due to neglect, abuse or violence and we need to do all we can to provide them with the best possible care and support.

"This additional investment will help to provide a safe, stable and supportive environment for young people in residential care, so they're better able to recover from past trauma and get on with their lives.

"The Andrews' Government should be commended for their commitment to improving the lives of some of Victoria's most vulnerable children and young people."

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