



## Support program targets cancer patients' children

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**Young people who have a parent with cancer are being targeted by a new counselling support program.**

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The charity CanTeen is offering counselling, peer support and practical help to around 8,000 people whose mother or father have cancer or have died from cancer.

The program will be piloted in Brisbane, Melbourne and Newcastle from October.

CanTeen chief executive Andrew Young says the program aims to meet the needs of a particularly vulnerable group.

"The risk of stress, depression and anxiety in young people who have a parent diagnosed with cancer is actually higher than the risk of stress, depression and anxiety in young cancer patients themselves," he said.

"And there are far more of them. For every young person diagnosed with cancer, there are 15 young people who have a parent diagnosed with cancer."

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