

# Beryl Booth Court

1978 – 1991

## Details

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Its original mandate was to provide follow up after care for young women leaving Kedesh Maternity Home.

Beryl Booth Court accommodated single parent 'at risk' families in eight small flats. Its residents learned about parenting skills in a supportive environment (there was a residential aide, as well as social and welfare workers).

Beryl Booth Court came into being as an innovative response to the problem of child abuse. Residents stayed for a period of three to six months, and received follow-up support after leaving Beryl Booth Court.

Beryl Booth Court was closed in 1991. The Mission's PRAPS program also wound up at this time, and was replaced by the CHOICES Centre for Young Women and their Children, located on the site of Beryl Booth Court in East Melbourne.

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- [Mission of St James and St John \(1919 - 1997\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [School of Homecrafts Hostel \(c. 1925 - 1976\)](#)  
Beryl Booth Court was situated on the former site of the School of Homecrafts Hostel.
- [Kedesh Maternity Home \(1926 - 1986\)](#)

### Resources

- Beryl Booth Court Lone Parents' Unit, *Caring for One Parent Families with Children at Risk : Description of the first year of operation of Beryl Booth Court. A unit of the Mission of St. James and St. John.*, 1979
- Paxton, Ian and Coote, Sherrie, *Child Abuse: Policy and Practice*, 1981

# Records

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- [Anglicare Victoria Records \(1886 - current\)](#)
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