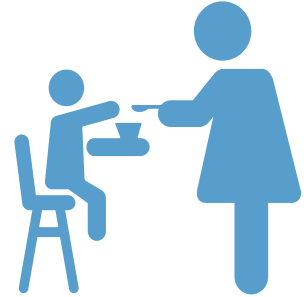
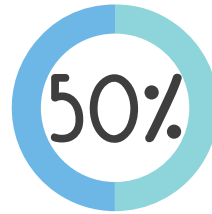


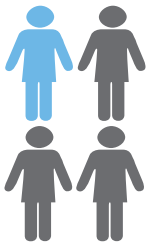
FACT SHEET: VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



Children are often present when there is family violence in the home.



Over 50 per cent of Australian women who experience family violence during their lives are caring for their children during this time.



One in four young people (aged 12 to 20 years) have witnessed violence against their mother or step-mother.

When children experience violence and abuse, this is known as **CHILD ABUSE.**

WHEN MOTHERS EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE,

their children are likely to be suffering from abuse also. This is because the same person is violent toward the mother and child or the child may be injured when caught in acts of violence. Children can also be neglected by their parents.

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