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The Children's Society was founded in 1881 by Edward Rudolf, a Sunday School teacher, to help destitute children. It supports disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people of all nationalities and faiths, wherever the need is greatest. All its projects are in England.

Currently it is working:

- to prevent sexual and criminal exploitation
- to end childhood poverty
- to help children access the mental health support they need
- to stop trafficking
- with young carers and those leaving the care system
- with those missing from home/care
- with young refugees and asylum seekers

Using one to one and group sessions the Society's staff counsel, support and advise young people in their local communities. In 2019 93 local services supported 9872 youngsters.

Campaigning is another way in which the Society effects change. With the help of its many supporters it lobbies local and national decision makers to change laws and practices to improve children's lives.

As a result of the pandemic many services and all community fund raising (Shops, House Boxes and Events) have ceased. Some staff have been furloughed. However a network of National Prevention Officers are continuing to provide support by 'phone, online and where safe face to face.

Campaigning continues.

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