

Financial hardship can cause family stress, repeat crises and costly escalation. Social workers should use evidence and offer practical help to reduce harm and support stronger, sustainable outcomes for children and families.



Financial support contributes to effective poverty-aware social work. It is practical, preventative and anti-oppressive.

Poverty drives stress, crisis and repeat need.

Services should aim to reduce escalation by responding early with practical and financial support that helps families meet their basic needs, stabilise and thrive.



Financial support is preventative and protective.
Good systems help social workers act early, practically and fairly.