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Broken bones, sexual assault, chronic neglect. It's the heartbreaking reality for more and more Australian children who are being taken from their homes because of harm inflicted on them by their own families. According to the latest figures, reports of abuse and neglect to child protection authorities have rocketed by more than 50 per cent in the last five years. Experts say the system is swamped and thousands of children at serious risk aren't getting the help they need. Jenny Brockie talks to young people, families and case workers about why so many children are at risk of abuse and look at what can be done about it.

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