

**Response to the 227 Recommendations of the Royal Commission and Board of Inquiry into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory**
**Summary of Reform Work Programs**
**WE ARE:**

PUTTING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FIRST

ENSURING CHILDREN HAVE A VOICE AND RESPECTING THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ENSURING THE CONNECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO THEIR CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES

RECOGNISING AND BUILDING ON THE STRENGTHS OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

ENABLING COMMUNITY-LED DECISION MAKING AND EMBEDDING ABORIGINAL SERVICE DELIVERY

CHALLENGING SYSTEMIC INEQUALITY AND ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO EMPOWERMENT

PROVIDING TRAUMA-AWARE AND HEALING-INFORMED SUPPORT

PUTTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE CENTRE					
<b>SUPPORT FAMILIES EARLIER</b> Families and children are helped in culturally secure ways at an early stage to keep them strong and make communities safer.	<b>SUPPORT TARGETED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN</b> Children and young people receive the services, care and support they need.	<b>RESPECT CHILDREN'S VOICES</b> Children and families are involved in the design and delivery of services, and services reflect their needs and preferences.	<b>A LEGAL SYSTEM FOR FAMILIES</b> Children, young people and families involved in legal matters will be effectively engaged through a culturally appropriate and family-focused legal system.	<b>WORK WITH FAMILIES</b> Families are actively engaged as partners in improving outcomes for their children and their communities, and are involved in decisions affecting them.	<b>SUPPORT TRANSITION AND RESTORATION</b> Children and families who have experienced vulnerability or crisis successfully transition from crisis to productive, rewarding lives.
IMPROVING CARE AND PROTECTION			IMPROVING YOUTH JUSTICE		
<b>CARE AND PROTECTION PRACTICE</b> Children are protected from harm, and children and families entering the child protection system receive high quality responses informed by contemporary practice.	<b>CHILDREN IN CARE AND YOUTH JUSTICE</b> Children and young people in care who are also engaged with the youth justice system are effectively case managed and helped to avoid future offending.	<b>TRANSFORMING OUT OF HOME CARE</b> Children who require out-of-home care are cared for in culturally secure, trauma-informed, therapeutic environments and by their families where possible.	<b>POLICE AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b> The community is safer through Police working effectively and engaging with young people, and focussing on practices that prevent offending.	<b>KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF DETENTION</b> Children and young people who offend or are at risk of offending are provided evidence-based interventions that stop continued offending before they end up in detention.	<b>YOUTH DETENTION THAT WORKS</b> Young people in detention are housed in secure, therapeutic facilities that support their rehabilitation and receive the help, guidance and structure necessary to stop future offending.
STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND SYSTEMS					
<b>ADVOCACY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT</b> Organisations and Departments working with families are held to account for ensuring that the services they provide reflect, or are on a monitored pathway towards best practice and are achieving desired outcomes.	<b>MANAGING AND SHARING INFORMATION</b> Best practice care and support for children, young people and families at risk of involvement, or in the child protection and youth justice systems is enabled and underpinned by contemporary information management approaches and systems.	<b>COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSES</b> Local communities and Aboriginal controlled organisations have a central role in designing and delivering services, particularly in remote communities.	<b>EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE</b> Service models and practices are underpinned by research and evidence, and supported by comprehensive planning, monitoring and evaluation.	<b>COORDINATED EFFORT TOWARDS BETTER OUTCOMES</b> Government will work in partnership with local communities and the community sector to develop and successfully implement a long-term strategy to improve outcomes for children and young people in the Northern Territory.	

**Map of Royal Commission Recommendations to Northern Territory Government Work Programs**

PUTTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE CENTRE					
<b>SUPPORT FAMILIES EARLIER</b> 32.08, 32.11, 34.06, 34.16, 39.03, 39.04, 39.06	<b>SUPPORT TARGETED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN</b> 15.01, 15.02, 15.04, 16.02, 16.03, 16.04, 16.05, 16.06, 16.07, 16.08, 16.09, 16.10, 19.01, 33.14, 33.15, 33.16, 36.01, 36.02, 36.03, 36.04, 36.05	<b>RESPECT CHILDREN'S VOICES</b> 2.01, 2.02, 22.05, 33.01	<b>A LEGAL SYSTEM FOR FAMILIES</b> 22.07, 25.23, 25.24, 25.25, 25.26, 25.27, 25.28, 25.29, 25.30, 25.31, 25.32, 25.34, 25.35, 25.36, 25.37, 25.38, 25.41, 25.43, 34.04, 34.05, 34.11, 42.01	<b>WORK WITH FAMILIES</b> 11.03, 11.04, 11.05, 18.01, 31.01, 32.12, 33.02, 34.07, 34.08, 34.09, 34.01	<b>SUPPORT TRANSITION AND RESTORATION</b> 24.01, 33.21, 33.22, 33.23, 33.24
IMPROVING CARE AND PROTECTION			IMPROVING YOUTH JUSTICE		
<b>CARE AND PROTECTION PRACTICE</b> 32.01, 32.02, 32.03, 32.04, 32.05, 32.06, 32.07, 32.09, 32.10, 33.04, 37.01, 37.02, 33.17, 34.01, 34.02, 34.03, 34.13, 34.14, 34.15	<b>CHILDREN IN CARE AND YOUTH JUSTICE</b> 35.02, 35.03, 35.05, 35.06	<b>TRANSFORMING OUT OF HOME CARE</b> 33.05, 33.06, 33.08, 33.09, 33.10, 33.11, 33.12, 33.13, 33.18, 33.19, 33.02, 37.05	<b>POLICE AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b> 25.01, 25.02, 25.03, 25.04, 25.06, 25.07, 25.18, 25.20, 25.33	<b>KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF DETENTION</b> 25.08, 25.09, 25.10, 25.11, 25.12, 25.13, 25.14, 25.15, 25.16, 25.17, 25.19, 25.21, 25.22, 25.39, 25.40, 27.01	<b>YOUTH DETENTION THAT WORKS</b> 10.01, 11.01, 11.02, 11.06, 11.07, 11.08, 11.09, 13.01, 13.02, 13.03, 13.04, 13.05, 13.06, 13.07, 13.08, 13.09, 14.01, 15.03, 17.01, 17.02, 17.03, 17.04, 20.01, 20.02, 20.03, 20.04, 20.05, 20.06, 20.07, 20.08, 20.09, 21.01, 21.02, 21.03, 21.04, 21.05, 22.01, 23.01, 23.02, 28.01, 28.02
STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND SYSTEMS					
<b>ADVOCACY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT</b> 22.02, 22.03, 22.04, 22.06, 33.07, 37.03, 37.04, 37.06, 37.07, 37.08, 37.09, 37.10, 40.01, 40.02, 40.03, 40.04, 40.05, 40.06, 40.07, 43.03	<b>MANAGING AND SHARING INFORMATION</b> 16.01, 33.03, 34.12, 35.07, 41.01, 41.02, 41.04, 41.05	<b>COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSES</b> 1.01, 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 25.42	<b>EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE</b> 24.02, 25.05, 33.25, 35.01, 35.04, 39.01, 41.03, 43.01, 43.02	<b>COORDINATED EFFORT TOWARDS BETTER OUTCOMES</b> 3.01, 6.01, 39.02, 39.05, 39.07, 43.05, 43.06, 43.07	