

# 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children & Families in the Northern Territory

The 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in the Northern Territory will set out a shared vision and policy framework to improve services for the wellbeing and safety of all children, young people and families in the Northern Territory.

At its heart, the Strategy will describe how the Australian Government, NT Government, community and Aboriginal community controlled sectors will work in a more coordinated and collaborative way.

It will recognise that local communities are important partners in the design, selection, delivery and evaluation of services for children, families and young people.

## Why do we need a Generational Strategy?

The 10-Year Generational Strategy will be the overarching policy to deliver on recommendations from two key reports:

- The *Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children the Northern Territory* which recommended the development of a common vision for the future children and families, and
- The *Productivity Commission Study Report into Expenditure on Children in the Northern Territory*, which provided advice on how to improve the fragmentation and overlap in expenditure in the current service system.

## How is this Strategy different?

This Strategy will set out a new model for collaboration between governments, service providers and local communities. The model, adopting a place-based approach, will link to regional plans. It will give communities more say into the selection and mix of services available where they live, with government investment more closely linked to the needs they identify.

The Strategy will be supported by a Coordinated Funding Framework - an agreement between the Australian Government and NT Government on investment in services.

## What is the scope of the Strategy?

The 10-Year Generational Strategy will cover services funded by the Australian and NT Governments for children and young people aged 0-24 years and their families. It will not focus on universal services such as primary health care and school education, however the policy direction set by the 10-Year Generational Strategy is intended to inform all sectors that provide services to children, young people and families.



## Who is developing the Strategy?

The Strategy is being developed under the auspices of the Children and Families [Tripartite Forum](#). A Working Group with representatives from the Department of Social Services (DSS), National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), NT Reform Management Office (RMO), Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C), Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT), North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) and NT Council for Social Services (NTCOSS) has been formed to engage with stakeholders and develop the draft Strategy.

## What is the process for its development?

A final draft of the Strategy is due by the end of September 2021. The Working Group will engage with stakeholders and hold targeted community consultations between March-July. An opportunity for public submissions on a draft Strategy will be made available.

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