

SAFE HOUSE

The SAFE House is a residential service providing short term care for children and young people subject to Child Safety Services statutory interventions.

The Safe house provides for up to 6 children at a time, children are put in the house by Child Safety. The Safe House is not open to the general public.

Houseparents are employed by us to work at the safe house to care for the children, they are indigenous residents of NPA and must hold a blue card to work there.

Whilst staying in the Safe House children will be participating in normal life and household routines of going to school and where possible spending time with extended family and community events.

We strive to keep children of the NPA in the area rather than be sent to Cairns to be placed with foster carers, so that they can continue to maintain their cultural and family connections.

Access to Our Services:

You can walk into our centres at any time and ask for help, or you can ask another agency or government department to make a formal referral for you to our services.

You can telephone us to talk about your problems and make arrangements to meet later at the office, at your home or any other location that you feel comfortable with.

All services are provided free of charge

CHILD WELLBEING UNIT

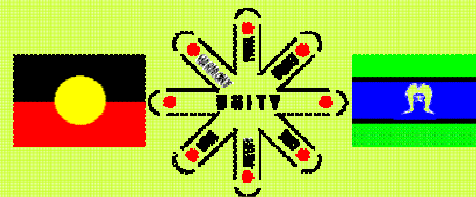
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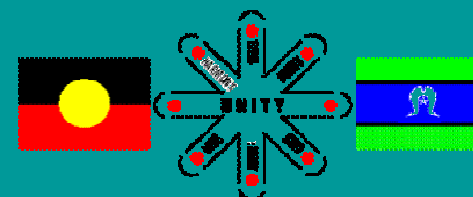
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Office Hours: 8.30 am—5pm



NPA FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES
ABORIGINAL & TORRES
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Child WellBeing Unit



SUPPORTING FAMILIES
AND THE COMMUNITY TO
CARE AND PROTECT
CHILDREN OF THE NPA

CHILD WELLBEING UNIT GOALS

- * Strong, happy families in the NPA
- * A positive and healthy community environment that keeps children safe and loved
- * Families have access to supports that will assist them to manage better during difficult times
- * Children & young people have people in their families & the community who they can rely on to support them in difficult times
- * A reduction in the incidence of child abuse and child neglect in the NPA.
- * A reduction in the number of NPA children in the care of Child Safety
- * No children from the NPA become lost in care outside of the region

How do we support our clients?

- Information
- Advice
- Referrals to other specialists
- Advocacy
- Support at court
- Counselling

We provide:

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Family Coaches:

The Family Intervention staff work with parents and families who are engaged with Department of Communities—Child Safety to assist the family to get back on track so that children who have been removed can return home. Family Coaches are indigenous staff who connect closely with parents on an almost daily basis to improve parenting skills and household management so as to make home a safe environment for children.

Family Support Officer

This worker supports families who seek assistance with parenting and family issues. These families may or may not be involved with Child Safety. The FSO can support and inform families throughout each phase of the statutory process to ensure they fully understand what is happening and what is required of them.

Some supports the Family Support Officer & Family Coaches can help families with include:

- Home management
- Budgeting
- Appropriate care of children
- Personal issues
- Discipline strategies

CHILD/YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

The Child/Youth Therapist is a professional worker who is available to support and counsel children and youth in the NPA who are experiencing difficulties in their life, who have experienced any traumatic event and/or are displaying inappropriate behaviours.

RECOGNISED ENTITY SERVICE

This service provides responsive and culturally appropriate advice to Child Safety in relation to indigenous children & young people from the NPA who are subject to interventions by the Department.

FOSTER & KINSHIP CARER SUPPORT

Recruitment, training and support of Foster and Kinship Carers in the NPA.

Support of carers to prevent placements from breaking down or carers being overburdened.

Monitor placement of children in care to ensure foster/ kinship carers provide quality care for children & young people in their care.