



# Definitions and Acronyms

## ***Definitions of some common terms***

### **Child protection**

Intervention to protect children from harm and exploitation, usually within the family, and services that assist the people involved in the care of at-risk children to reduce these risks.

### **Child wellbeing**

Implies resilience, personal development, social confidence and secure cultural identity.

### **Early intervention**

Can be defined as the attempt to influence children, parents and families who are vulnerable to developing child maltreatment or other social ills, in order to work to prevent the occurrence of the subsequent problems. However, while it may be beneficial across the lifespan from birth to adulthood, infancy (the “early years”) has become a main focus for intervention. Research has shown that investment at this time provides an ideal opportunity to enhance parental competencies and to reduce risks that may have implications for the lifelong developmental processes of both children and parents.

### **Family support**

Services that assist families and communities to care for children and improve the functioning of the family unit. These services reduce the need for later child protection intervention and are based on the philosophy of building on strengths.

### **Family and Children’s Services Program (FACS)**

The NT Government program presently responsible for family support, child protection and some child well being services. It is based within the Department of Health and Community Services.

### **Family and Community Services**

Present ministerial portfolio within the NT Government. The portfolio includes Family and Children’s Services, Mental Health, Aged and Disability, and Alcohol and Other Drugs.

### **Top End**

A term used to describe the northern part of the Territory.

### **Central Australia**

A term used to describe the southern half of the Territory.

## ***Acronyms used in this report***

ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACE	Adult Community Education
ACSAT	Aboriginal Child Sexual Abuse Taskforce
ALJS	Aboriginal Law and Justice Strategy
AMSANT	Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory
AMS	Aboriginal Medical Service
APCA	Aboriginal Protective Custody Apprehensions
ARDS	Aboriginal Resource and Development Service
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
CAT	Child Abuse Taskforce
CDC	Centre for Disease Control
CDEP	Community Development Employment Program
CDs	Census Collection Districts
CDU	Charles Darwin University
CERP	Council of Elders and Respected Persons
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CHIP	Commonwealth Community Housing and Infrastructure Program
CSA	Child Sexual Abuse
CVAC	Crimes Victims Advisory Committee
DCM	Department of the Chief Minister
D&CS	Department of Community Services
DEET	Department of Employment, Education and Training
DHS	Department of Human Services
DHCS	Department of Health and Community Services

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DIMIA	Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Australian Government)	NTPS	Northern Territory Public Sector
DMO	District Medical Officer	ODPP	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
DOJ	Department of Justice	OIPC	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (Australian Government)
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions	PFES	Police, Fire and Emergency Services Department
DVIRC	Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre	PHC	Primary Health Care
FACS	Family and Children's Services	PROMIS	Police Real-time Online Management System
FaCSIA	Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Department (Australian Government)	RFDS	Royal Flying Doctor Service
FORWAARD	Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol related Difficulties	RRP	Raypirri Rom Project
GP	General Practitioner	SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	SART	Sexual Assault Response Team
IAD	Institute for Aboriginal Development	SCAG	Standing Committee of Attorney Generals
ICC	Indigenous Coordination Centre	SCAN	Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team
ICHO	Indigenous Community Housing Organisations	SDR	Standard Death Rate
IGR	Indigenous Generational Reform	SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
IJIS	Integrated Justice Information System	SOTP	Sex Offender Treatment Program
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate	SRA	Shared Responsibility Agreement
JIRT	Joint Investigation Response Teams	STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
KHL	Kids Helpline	TAFE	Technical & Further Education
LRCWA	Law Reform Commission of Western Australia	TRS	Territory Response Services
MCAPP	Maningrida Community Action Plan Project	UNCROC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
MCEETYA	Ministerial Council Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs	WAS	Witness Assistance Service
MCS	Major Crime Section		
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander day of Celebration		
NAPCAN	National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect		
NGO	Non-Government Organisation		
NITF	National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Task Force		
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		
NSW	New South Wales		
NT	Northern Territory		
NTCS	NT Correctional Services		
NTDE	Northern Territory Department of Education (now DEET)		

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