

# Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland

1 August 1966 – 6 June 1987

**Other Names:** • Department of Children's Services

## Details

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The Children's Services Department was established in 1966 to promote, safeguard and protect the well-being of the children and youth of the state through a comprehensive and coordinated program of child and family welfare. Previously, child and family welfare was the responsibility of the State Children Department, a sub-department of the Labour and Industry Department. The department had responsibility for juvenile justice facilities. It ceased to exist when the Departments of Family Affairs, Youth, Ethnic Affairs and Children's Services were consolidated into one organisation, the Family and Youth Services Department on 6 June 1987.

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Functions:

- Adoptions
- Children's services
- Orphanage administration
- State wards' welfare

## More info

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### Chronology

- Public Instruction Department, Orphanages Branch, State Government of Queensland (2 October 1879 - 1 December 1911)
  - Home Secretary's Office, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland (1 December 1911 - 5 December 1935)
    - Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland (5 December 1935 - 26 December 1963)
    - Labour and Industry Department, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland (26 September 1963 - 1 August 1966)
- **Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland (1 August 1966 – 6 June 1987)**
  - Family and Youth Services Department, State Government of Queensland (9 June 1987 - 14 December 1987)
  - Family Services Department, State Government of Queensland (14 December 1987 - 7 December 1989)

- Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland (7 December 1989 - 25 January 1996)
  - Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of Queensland (25 January 1996 - 26 February 1996)
  - Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, State Government of Queensland (26 February 1996 - 22 February 2001)

## Related Entries

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- [Birralee Receiving and Assessment Centre \(1967 - 1981\)](#)
- [Carramar Receiving and Assessment Centre \(1967 - 1995\)](#)
- [Cleveland Youth Detention Centre \(1980 - current\)](#)
- [John Oxley Youth Detention Centre \(1987 - 2001\)](#)
- [Karrala House \(1963 - 1971\)](#)  
Date: 1966 - 1971
- [Kelvin Grove Transition Hostel \(1973 - c. 1977\)](#)
- [Stanton Lodge \(10 May 1984 - 30 June 1985\)](#)
- [Taringa Transition Hostel \(1973 - c. 1985\)](#)
- [The Outlook \(1976 - 1979\)](#)
- [Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre \(1967 - 1989\)](#)  
Date: 1967 - 1987
- [Wilson Youth Hospital \(1961 - 1983\)](#)  
The Children's Services Department ran the administrative side of the Wilson Youth Hospital between 1961 and 1983, when the Department of Children's Services assumed full responsibility.
- [Birralee Children's Home \(1964 - 1967\)](#)
- [Birralee Hostel \(1981 - 1982\)](#)  
Date: 1981 - 1982
- [Warilda Children's Home and Warilda Infants' Home \(1964 - 1967\)](#)  
Date: 1966 - 1967
- [Carramar Children's Home \(1964 - 1967\)](#)
- [Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre \(1983 - 1993\)](#)  
Date: 1966 - 1987
- [Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook \(30 October 1919 - 26 May 1966\)](#)
- [Westbrook Training Centre \(26 May 1966 - 1987\)](#)  
Date: 1966 - 1987

### Related Legislation

- [Children's Services Act 1965, Queensland \(1965 - 2000\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Mareeba Youth Farm \(December 1979 - 1982\)](#)  
Children's Services Department referred youths to the Mareeba Youth Farm
- [Labour and Tourism Department, State Government of Queensland \(10 June 1966 - 1 January 1968\)](#)

## Resources

- [Children's Services Department \(Agency ID 1973\)](#), Queensland State Archives website, No date

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