

Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia

1 July 2007 – 16 May 2013

Details

The Department for Child Protection was the lead agency responsible for the care and protection of children in Western Australia. In October 2008, the Department for Child Protection ran 21 family group homes across the state. In May 2013 its name changed to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

The State Records Office agency description described the creation of the Department for Child Protection, saying it was:

created in response to a critical review of the Department of Community Development by Prudence Ford in January 2007. The review formed part of a series of departmental reviews announced by the Treasurer for the 2006/2007 financial year, but was given particular urgency due to the release of the Ombudsman's Report on Allegations Concerning the Treatment of Children and Young People in Residential Care and the report of the Select Committee on the Adequacy of Foster Care Assessment Procedures by the Department for Community Development.

The review recommended the abolition of the Department for Community Development and the establishment of two separate departments, namely the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and the Department for Communities. The review report was released by the State Government in March 2007. Through the administration of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*, the Department for Child Protection is responsible for supporting families and individuals who are at risk or in crisis, and providing for the protection and care of children in circumstances where their parents have not provided, or are unlikely or unable to provide, that protection and care. Services focus on three key areas: 1. Supporting children and young people in the Chief Executive Officer's care. 2. Protecting children and young people from abuse. 3. Supporting individuals and families at risk or in crisis.

More info

Chronology

- Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia (1972 - 1985)
 - Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia (1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992)
 - Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995)
 - Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia (1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001)
 - Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007)
- **Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia (1 July 2007 – 16 May 2013)**

- Department for Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia (27 May 2013 - July 2017)
- Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia (July 2017 - current)

Related Entries

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- [Albany Group Home \(1978? - current\)](#)
- [Bamburra Hostel \(1970 - current\)](#)
- [Darlington House \(1983 - current\)](#)
Date: 2007 - 2013
- [Bedford Hostel \(1971 - 27 February 2009\)](#)
Date: 2007 - 2009
- [Bentley House \(2007? - current\)](#)
- [Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street \(1993? - current\)](#)
- [Yurag-Man-Gu Taam-Purru Hostel \(2007 - current\)](#)
Date: 2007 - 2013?
- [Jibson House \(2011 - 2014\)](#)
- [Canowindra \(1974? - 2013?\)](#)
Date: 2007 - 2013?
- [Cooinda \(1966 - current\)](#)
- [Westview \(1981 - current\)](#)
- [Kalgoorlie Group Home \(1987 - current\)](#)
- [Kewdale House \(1976? - 2011?\)](#)
- [Waringarri Group Home \(1982 - current\)](#)
Date: 2007 - 2010?

Related Legislation

- [Children and Community Services Act 2004, Western Australia \(2004 - current\)](#)
The Department for Child Protection administered the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*

Related Organisations

- [CREATE Foundation \(1993 - current\)](#)
CREATE Foundation received funding from the Department for Child Protection.
- [Ombudsman Western Australia \(1972 - current\)](#)
The release of the *Report on Allegations Concerning the Treatment of Children and Young People in Residential Care* by the Ombudsman Western Australia was a factor in the establishment of the Department for Child Protection.
- [Case Review Panel \(1 March 2006 - current\)](#)
The Case Review Panel provided advice to the Director General of the Department for Child Protection.
- [Department for Communities, State of Western Australia \(2007 - 2013\)](#)
The Department for Communities relied upon records held by the Department for Child Protection when assessing Redress WA applications.
Date: 2007 - 2013

Resources

- Information Services, Department for Community Development, [Signposts: A Guide for Children and Young People in Care in WA from 1920](#), 2004
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- Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales, [Kinship Care in Australia National Forum 2009, 'Western Australia Snapshot.'](#), 2009
- Department for Child Protection, [Residential Care Conceptual and Operational Framework](#), October 2011
- [Lives threatened by hostel fire](#), ABC News, 28 February 2009
- CREATE Foundation, [Submission No 69 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), July 2003

- Disability Services Commission, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 84 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 30 July 2003
 - Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, [Report on Allegations Concerning the Treatment of Children and Young People in Residential Care](#), 30 August 2006
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