

Acronyms and Terminology

Acronyms

'Bringing Them Home' Report	Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families April 1997
'Little Children are Sacred' Report	Ampe Akelyernemane Meke Mekarle "Little Children are Sacred": Report of the Northern Territory Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse 2007
the Act (also 'CPCA')	<i>Care and Protection of Children Act 2007</i> (Northern Territory)
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AbSec	Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat (NSW) Inc.
ACC	Australian Crime Commission
ACCA	Aboriginal Child Care Agency
ACCG	Australian Children's Commissioners and Guardians
ACOSS	Australian Council of Social Services
ACP	Alternate Care Program
ACPP	Aboriginal Child Placement Principle
ACRT	Aboriginal Community Resource Team
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ADP	Aged and Disability Program
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AEDI	Australian Early Development Index
AEP	Alternative Education Program
AFC	Alternative Family Care
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AHCS	After Hours Crisis Service
AHW	Aboriginal Health Workers
AICCA	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency
AIFS	Australian Institute of Family Studies
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AMSANT	Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory
ANTSEL	Association of Northern Territory School Educational Leaders
AO	Aboriginal Officer
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs

APY	Anangu, Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
ARDS	Aboriginal Resource & Development Services Inc.
ASH	Alice Springs Hospital
ASYASS	Alice Springs Youth Accomodation and Support Services
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
ATSICPP	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle
BOI	Board of Inquiry
CAAC	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc.
CAAFLU	Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
CAAFLUAC	Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit Aboriginal Corporation
CAALAS	Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service
CAAPS	Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services
CAARS	Common Approach to Assessment, Referral and Support
CAT	Child Abuse Taskforce
CAWLS	Central Australian Women’s Legal Service Inc.
CAYLUS	Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service
CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
CC	Northern Territory Children’s Commissioner
CCIS	Community Care Information System
CCWT	Community Child Wellbeing Team
CDO	Community Development Officer
CDRPC	Child Death Review and Prevention Committee
CDU	Charles Darwin University
CE (also CEO)	Chief Executive (also Chief Executive Officer)
CI	Central Intake
CIT	Central Intake Team
CJC	Community Justice Centre
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CP	child protection
CPCA (also ‘the Act’)	<i>Care and Protection of Children Act 2007</i> (Northern Territory)
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPLAT	Caregiver Payment Level Assessment Tool
CPS	Child Protection Services
CPSU	Community and Public Sector Union

CSA	child sexual assault
CDSMAC	Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council
CSP	Community Safety Plan
CSWG	Community Safety Working Group
CPW	child protection worker
DAFVAC	Domestic and Family Violence Advisory Council
DCM	Department of the Chief Minister (Northern Territory)
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Commonwealth)
DET	Department of Education (Northern Territory)
DHCS (now DHF)	Department of Health and Community Services (Northern Territory) (now Department of Health and Families)
DHF (also 'the Department')	Department of Health and Families (Northern Territory)
DHLGRS	Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (Northern Territory)
DoCS	Department of Community Services (NSW)
DOJ	Department of Justice (Northern Territory)
DRF	Differential Response Framework
DV	domestic violence
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
FACS (now NTFC)	Department of Families and Child Services (Northern Territory) (now Northern Territory Families and Children)
FACSAC	Family and Children's Services Advisory Council (Northern Territory)
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Commonwealth)
FISS	Family and Individual Support Services
FSNA	Family Strengths and Needs Assessment
FSW	Family Support Worker
FTE	full time equivalent
HR	human resources
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
ICPPPWG	Interdepartmental Child Protection Policy and Planning Working Group
IDA	Initial Danger Assessment
IFSS	Intensive Family Support Services
IPP	information privacy principle(s)
IT	information technology

JIRT	Joint Investigation Response Teams
KPI	key performance indicator
KWILS	Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service
LAC	Looking After Children
LIP	Local Implementation Plan
LWB	Life Without Barriers
LWCC	Living Water Community Centre
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MOS	Mobile Outreach Service
MOU	memorandum of understanding
NAAJA	North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
NAPCAN	National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
NCPCH	National Child Protection Clearing House
NGO	non-government organisation
NPY	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
NPYWC	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation
NTCOSS	Northern Territory Council of Social Service
NTER	Northern Territory Emergency Response ('the Intervention')
NTFC	Northern Territory Families and Children
NTFC Manual	NTFC Care and Protection Policy and Procedures Manual, Version 2.0, July 2009
NTFCAC	NTFC Advisory Council
NTG	Northern Territory Government
NTHCS	Northern Territory Health and Community Services
NTHF	Northern Territory Health and Families
NTLAC	Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
OATSIH	Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Commonwealth)
OCC	Northern Territory Office of the Children's Commissioner
OCPE	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment (Northern Territory)
OHCS	Out of Home Care Services
OOHC (or OHC)	Out of Home Care

P	professional
PASS	Policy and System Support
PCIG	Planning, Coordination and Implementation Group
PHC	primary health care
RACP	Royal Australasian College of Physicians
RAFCW	Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers
RDH	Royal Darwin Hospital
ROGS	Report on Government Services
RSD	remote service delivery
RTO	registered training organisation
SAAP	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
SCAN	Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect
SCP	Specialist Care Program
SCRGSP	Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision (Commonwealth)
SDM	structured decision making
SEAM	School Enrolment and Attendance Measure
SNAICC	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care
SOG	Senior Officers Group
SOS	Street Outreach Service
STC	Save the Children
STI	sexually transmitted infection
TFC	therapeutic foster care
TFSS	Targeted Family Support Services
TILA	Transition to Independent Living Allowance
TRC	therapeutic residential care
TEWLS	Top End Women's Legal Service Inc
UNCRIIP	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund (formerly the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)
VACCA	Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WDU	Workforce Development Unit
YS	Youth Services

Terminology

In this Report we use the term 'Aboriginal' to refer to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Given that the key piece of legislation relating to the child protection system in the Northern Territory is the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007*, the definition provided in that Act (Part 1.4, Section 13) is the one used in this Report:

'Aboriginal' means:

- (a) a descendant of the Aboriginal people of Australia; or
- (b) a descendant of the indigenous inhabitants of the Torres Strait Islands'

Throughout this Report reference is also made to material published by other organisations, such as the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Family Studies, most of which use the terms 'Indigenous' or 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander' in their text and tables. Where such publications are cited, the same terminology will be used.