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Everyone has a role in child protection

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Minister for Children and Families John Elferink says National Child Protection Week is a good time to reflect on everyone’s role in child protection.

“National Child Protection Week reminds us that caring for and protecting children is a responsibility we all share,” Minister Elferink said.

“While many families successfully care for their children, there are some families, which for a variety of reasons, cannot or do not look after their children.

“These families need a variety of responses and support, and only by working together can we achieve better outcomes for children and families.”

A number of events are taking place across the Northern Territory for Child Protection Week, including a gala dinner in Alice Springs on Thursday 11 September and the annual breakfast launch in Darwin on Tuesday 9 September.

Minister Elferink will officially launch the week and open the breakfast, alongside National Children’s Commissioner Megan Mitchell who will deliver a keynote speech.

“One again, the Northern Territory Government has partnered with NAPCAN to co-host the breakfast event which is always well attended and embraced as a networking opportunity,” the Minister said.

National Child Protection Week is from 7 to 13 September.

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