Media Release

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Intensive Youth Support Service for vulnerable young Territorians

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The Northern Territory Government has launched a service offering support and intervention for highly vulnerable young people and Territory families.

In May this year, Minister for Children and Families John Elferink announced that Anglicare would deliver the Intensive Youth Support Services (IYSS) to young people in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs.

“This is an important service for young people who have experienced abuse, neglect or trauma and often engage in behaviours that place them at significant risk of further serious emotional or physical harm,” Mr Elferink said.

“The IYSS will specialise in providing intensive case management and trauma support.

“Additionally, the service will focus on providing a coordinated approach to supporting families involving at-risk youths to develop stability for the young person and provide opportunities to develop strong foundations as they move into adulthood.”

The IYSS highlights the Northern Territory Government’s commitment to prioritise and direct resources to better address the most vulnerable children and young people in our community.

Mr Elferink said there is a need to focus on breaking the cycle of disadvantage by targeting its resources to those most at risk and where change can result.

The Northern Territory Government has committed $1.4 million per annum to operate the IYSS.

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