Minister for Territory Families Dale Wakefield is today meeting with her Federal and State colleagues for the Community Services Ministers meeting in Darwin.

Minister Wakefield said the meeting presents an important opportunity to share details of the Territory Labor Government's reform agenda for youth justice and child protection.

“Our Government is undertaking an historic overhaul of our youth justice system under the national spotlight of a Royal Commission,” Ms Wakefield said.

“We have a unique set of challenges in the Northern Territory and this meeting will be an opportunity to share how we are tackling these issues and to learn from other jurisdictions.”

Topics being discussed include child protection and early intervention, including an update from the Federal Government on progress in implementing the Third Action Plan of the National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children 2009-2020.

Minister Wakefield said the Territory Government is finding innovative and empowering solutions to improving outcomes for children and families that come into contact with the child protection and youth justice systems.

“These reforms aim to establish significant long term change and while we have made significant progress in our first 12 months of Government, there is still so much work to be done,” Ms Wakefield said.

“I’m looking forward to further strengthening our partnership with the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions so that we have national buy-in to these reforms.”

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