PUTTING KIDS AT THE CENTRE OF GOVERNMENT: Northern Territory Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Strategic Plan

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This will provide the framework to improve the lives of children and young Territorians from 0-24 years of age. The integration of services such as housing, education, youth justice, child protection, police and domestic and family and sexual violence are addressed in the Plan.

This plan builds on the Government’s Early Childhood Development Plan: Starting Early for a Better Future, released earlier this year with the focus on supporting families and children up to 5 years of age for a happy, healthy life, ready for learning at the start of school.

Young people’s health and wellbeing in the long term is only possible with strategic investment and a focus on children and young people so they can grow, thrive and achieve their full potential.

Priority action areas of the 10-year plan include:

- Children and young people are provided the best opportunities in life
- There are healthy, safe and sustainable communities and places
- Health and wellbeing are improving
- Health equity for Aboriginal children and young people is increasing
- Children and young people receive high quality support when and where they need it

The Plan is available online at [https://health.nt.gov.au/professionals/child-and-youth-health-health-professionals](https://health.nt.gov.au/professionals/child-and-youth-health-health-professionals) or alternatively information can be found by emailing Child.Health@nt.gov.au

**Comment from Minister for Health, Natasha Fyles:**

The Territory Labor Government made an election commitment to put children at the centre of Government, and that’s exactly what we are doing.

*The Best Opportunities in Life – Northern Territory Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Strategic Plan 2018-2028* (the Plan) will improve the health and wellbeing of young Territorians through better co-ordinating and designing services across sectors and working with children and families at the local level.
The Plan is an election commitment and provides a comprehensive framework to improve services for young people in the Territory.

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