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Child and Family Support for Karama

Great news for families in Karama with the Martin Government today announcing a $43,500 funding boost for the Tata Family Centre.

Family and Community Services Minister, Delia Lawrie, said supporting families is a priority for Government, and the Tata Family Centre is an important initiative designed to make Karama a safer place for families and children.

“As the Minister and local member, this is one of those projects I have been keeping a close eye on and I’m pleased to have been receiving some positive feedback,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The project, based at Karama Primary School, is aimed at helping the community get together, have a say, and make Karama a happier, safer place for families and children.”

Ms Lawrie said the important initiative started in 2005 when the Martin Government committed $140 000 to the Karama Primary School to develop a space to be used as a family centre.

“The Tata Family Centre supports parents, particularly those with young children aged between 0-5 years, to give their kids the best possible start in life,” she said.

The Karama Young Parents group, the ‘Play and Learn’ Playgroup and the Sing and Grow Group are currently all run at the Tata Family Centre. Other programs such as the Community Computer group, Dad’s and Kids activities, and Baby Bounce: mum’s and bubs dance are also set to begin soon.

“Thanks must go to the Karama School Council in cooperation with Karama Primary School who run the Tata Family Centre, as well as local businesses and community groups in and around Karama who have also been a fantastic support,” said Ms Lawrie.

The Minister also paid tribute to The Smith Family, the NT Department of Employment, Education and Training and the Department of Education, Science and Training who have also supported the Tata Centre.