In recent months the Office of Children and Families (OCF) has been implementing a national recruitment campaign to boost the number of professional staff and residential care workers in the Northern Territory child protection system.

The campaign was officially launched on 12 July using a multitude of avenues to get the message out including; traditional and online media, peak bodies and professional associations.

At June 30 this year there was a deficit of 40 professional staff in service centres and in just the first month of the campaign we have had 92 expressions of interest, an extraordinary response.

A recently completed selection process is expected to deliver 6 staff commencements within next 6 to 8 weeks, a further 14 selection processes are underway with a potential to deliver 23 additional professional staff.

Minister for Children and Families, Alison Anderson, is ecstatic to hear that there could soon be as many as 29 new professional staff working in the Northern Territory child protection system.

“I am delighted with the results from the first month of this campaign, it is a true credit to the staff at OCF who are committed to improving frontline services for the Territory’s most vulnerable children,” Ms Anderson said.

“It’s clear to me that OCF is fast becoming the organisation of choice for professional child protection workers in Australia.

“However, the process does not stop here. We will continue our campaign to ensure that we improve staffing levels and staff retention.

“This is an exciting time for the Northern Territory, there is a lift in morale as the new direction in child protection is showing positive results.”

If you are a currently working as, qualified as or studying to be a child protection worker and would like to work for the Office of Children and Families please express your interest at http://www.nt.gov.au/jobs or call 08 8922 7504

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