A Clinical Practice Directorate has been established in Territory Families to support frontline staff by developing best practice tools and providing guidance to meet the unique needs of NT families and children.

The team of professionals who make up the directorate are tasked with improving Care and Protection, Youth Justice and Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence management practices. They will work with staff to improve their overall clinical approach and consider avenues for ongoing practice improvement.

Members of the Directorate are Dr Howard Bath, Dr Christine Fejo-King, Her Honour Judge Sue Oliver and Dr Denise Riordan. Dr Howard Bath is a Clinical Psychologist who has studied and worked in Australia and the US. He has presented widely on and authored numerous research reports and articles on topics including family preservation services, out-of-home care, behaviour management and child protection. Dr Christine Fejo-King has more than 34 years experience as a social worker and is committed to increasing understanding of the challenges Aboriginal people face.

Her Honour Judge Sue Oliver was appointed to the Northern Territory Magistrates Court (now the Northern Territory Local Court) in 2006, after having practised law in a number of public and private sector contexts and is currently the managing magistrate of the Northern Territory Youth Justice Court, of young offenders.

Dr Denise Riordan is the Chief Psychiatrist for the Northern Territory who has worked in public health care systems across Australia and the United Kingdom. Dr Riordan is passionate about ensuring high-quality, safe and accessible services for everyone.

Each member has been carefully selected to bring together highly esteemed local experts covering care and protection research, best-practice and training from a range of professional fields.

The Directorate will adopt and review a clearly defined, child safe, practice model that builds on cross-jurisdictional lessons learnt about the importance of engagement of Aboriginal families and services in early intervention and family support.

This model is tailored to the NT and brings together elements of workforce training, processes, systems and evaluation to inform a consistent model of continuous improvement in family support and child protection.

This package builds on the recommendations from the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory and will affect real improvement for Territory children and families.

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