Policy: Protective Assessments

Policy Purpose

To describe the application of Protective Assessments.

Policy Statement

There are circumstances regarding children, young people and their families that do not require a child protection investigation; however there may be concerns about the wellbeing of the child or young person. In these situations Territory Families has a responsibility to assess young people and their family circumstances.

These assessments are referred to as Protective Assessments.

The subsequent recommendations made by Territory Families Care and Protection staff as part of the assessment have several purposes:

- to provide the Youth Justice Court with information about a young person's circumstances and action being taken by the Care and Protection staff (refer to Policy: Child Protection and Youth Justice);
- to guide and assist Centrelink in decision making;
- to determine if there are any child protection concerns; and/or
- to determine whether ongoing Care and Protection involvement is required.

Legislative Basis

Care and Protection of Children Act 2007

Youth Justice Act 2008 s51

Standards

Standards of Professional Practice

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