

The Northern Territory's

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Framework 2020-2028

Priority actions: 2020-2021



**NORTHERN
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Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Framework 2020-2028

Vision - Territorians are safe, respected and free from sexual violence wherever they choose to live, work, learn and play.

Principles

Women and children’s safety and wellbeing is at the centre

Shared responsibility, partnerships and local responses

Evidence and needs-based and outcomes-focused

Accessibility, equity and responsiveness

Focus on long term social and cultural change

Challenging systemic racism and inequality

Shared awareness and understanding of domestic, family and sexual violence

Outcome areas

Outcome 1

Sexual violence is recognised, understood, prevented and not tolerated.

Outcome 2

Children and young people who experience sexual violence are safe, and supported to heal.

Outcome 3

Children and young people who engage in harmful sexual behaviours are safe, and supported to heal.

Outcome 4

Adults who experience sexual violence are safe and supported to heal.

Outcome 5

Adults who commit sexual violence are held accountable through the justice system and have access to programs that change behaviour.

Outcome 6

Services and systems are strengthened to respond to the needs of people who have experienced sexual violence.

Delivery - A series of actions over eight years: building; evaluating and reviewing; sustaining effort.

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Outcome 1: Sexual violence is recognised, understood, prevented and not tolerated.	Lead
<p>1.1 Educate the community about sexual violence and protective behaviours by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.1 including sexual violence awareness raising in the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFS) community awareness campaign and primary prevention approach; 1.1.2 working with communities to develop place-based community awareness campaigns; and, 1.1.3 developing an online portal linking available resources for service providers and the community. 	<p>Territory Families</p>
<p>1.2 Strengthen the delivery of the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum, NT Social and Emotional Learning Resources and Respectful Relationships and Curriculum in schools by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.2.1 improving the capability of teachers to deliver; 1.2.2 offering the packages to non-government schools; and, 1.2.3 involving Aboriginal staff in delivery. 	<p>Department of Education</p>
<p>1.3 Explore opportunities to improve public safety at live music venues and events, festivals, creative industries and licensed venues.</p>	<p>Department of Attorney General and Justice</p>
<p>1.4 Develop and implement school based online safety frameworks and consideration of central response mechanisms to respond to online incidents.</p>	<p>Department of Education</p>
<p>1.5 Co-design local place-based prevention and healing responses with Aboriginal organisations and communities.</p>	<p>Territory Families</p>

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Outcome 2: Children and young people who experience sexual violence are safe and supported to heal.	Lead
<p>2.1 Review responses to children and young people involved in exploitative transactional sex by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1.1 evaluating effectiveness of existing responses; and, 2.1.2 researching best practice options for consideration by government. 	Territory Families Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
<p>2.2 Strengthen information sharing across agencies including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.2.1 mandatory attendance of government agencies at Family Safety Framework meetings; and, 2.2.2 review of Family Safety Framework meetings in regard to responding to sexual violence. 	Territory Families Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
<p>2.3 Implement sexual health education programs for children and young people, including those directed at identifying responses to sexualised behaviours by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.3.1 working with education providers to leverage existing programs that could be modified; and, 2.3.2 working with service providers to support effective responses. 	Territory Families
<p>2.4 Review current processes, policies or protocols regarding the health management of young people in care and who are under 16 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.4.1 evaluating existing policies and identify gaps; and, 2.4.2 proposing amendments for consideration by government. 	Territory Families
<p>2.5 Co-design targeted service responses with community in the development of the specialist DFSV hub in Tennant Creek.</p>	Territory Families
Outcome 3: Children and young people who engage in harmful sexual behaviours are safe and supported to heal.	Lead
<p>3.1 Review responses for children and young people engaged in harmful sexual behaviours and work with providers to strengthen responses and enable a connected, coordinated and collaborative response.</p>	Territory Families

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Outcome 4: Adults who experience sexual violence are safe and supported to heal.		Lead
4.1 Develop sustainable and accessible training options for specialist and allied health workers to respond to children, young people and adults who experience sexual violence.		Territory Families
4.2 Develop and enforce a Code of Practice for the investigation of sexual crimes including interviewing techniques for vulnerable persons.		Department of Attorney General and Justice Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Outcome 5: Adults who commit sexual violence are held accountable through the justice system and have access to programs that change behaviour.		Lead
5.1 Review current government and non-government approaches to people who commit sexual violence including effectiveness, access to residential rehabilitation services and post release accommodation options, as part of broader review of perpetrator programs.		Territory Families Department of Attorney General and Justice
5.2 Provide information and skills development about respectful relationships, including consent, in domestic and family violence programs run by NT Correctional Services.		Department of Attorney General and Justice
5.3 Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of people who have experienced sexual violence throughout all stages of the justice response.		Department of Attorney General and Justice Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
Outcome 6: Services and systems are strengthened to respond to the needs of people who have experienced sexual violence.		Lead

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<p>6.1 Review current service response¹ to children, young people and adults who experience sexual violence including:</p> <p>6.1.1 undertaking service mapping of activity and investment; and,</p> <p>6.1.2 reviewing governance arrangements and identifying improvements to service coordination and collaboration.</p> <p>¹This includes looking at emergency accommodation options for adults, young people and children who experience sexual violence outside domestic and family violence contexts.</p>	Territory Families
<p>6.2 Introduce advisory mechanisms so that responses are informed by the communities affected by sexual violence.</p>	Territory Families
<p>6.3 Develop a Northern Territory Public Service policy response to sexual harassment.</p>	Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment
<p>6.4 Develop a research and data development agenda to improve understanding of sexual violence in the Northern Territory including for vulnerable groups such as children and adults with a disability.</p>	Territory Families
<p>6.5 Review and modernise NT legislation regarding sexual violence to improve responses to victims.</p>	Department of Attorney General and Justice
<p>6.6 Ensure the new Common Risk Assessment and Management Framework and risk assessment tool incorporates sexual violence in a domestic and family violence context.</p>	Territory Families



