

Policy: Sibling Groups in Care

Policy Purpose

To ensure that relationships and attachments between siblings who enter care are maintained.

Policy Statement

Territory Families recognises the importance of sibling relationships; they must be continued and further developed even when children are placed in care. It is essential that siblings should be placed together in a care arrangement, unless there are exceptional circumstances, related directly to the needs of the children.

The term 'sibling' refers to brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, step siblings and children who have no biological connection but have been brought up within a relationship where they identify as being brothers and sisters.

Legislative Basis

[Care and Protection of Children Act 2007](#) s10, s12

Standards

[Standards of Professional Practice 1,5,6](#)

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