

Policy: Purchasing services for children and young people

Policy Purpose

To support the purchase of services where this is in the best interest of the child or young person and provides best value for money.

Policy Statement

Territory Families purchases a range of primary and secondary services from non-government organisations. Additionally, there are a host of services delivered by other government Departments and agencies. The combination of services creates a holistic service network available to children, young people and their families, many of which are available at no cost.

Sometimes it will be necessary to access specialised services, which may incur a cost. If the service is in the best interests of the child and provides the best value for money, the cost of the service should not prohibit access.

When purchasing services all processes must be in accordance with *the Financial Management Act*, the *Procurement Act* and Department Financial Delegations. If in doubt staff should consult with their Finance Officer for specific advice.

Staff exercising financial delegations must have undertaken the relevant training. Consult the Training website for the relevant mandatory training.

Legislative Basis

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

[Financial Management Act](#)

[Procurement Act](#)

Standards

[Standards of Professional Practice - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6](#)

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