

# Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia

1 July 1995 – 1 July 2001

## Details

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The Western Australian Department for Family and Children's Services existed between 1 July 1995 and 1 July 2001.

The State Records Office website provides an overview of the Department:

*The Department for Family and Children's Services was responsible for promoting and providing services that assisted families, individuals, groups and communities achieve their own well-being. Services were based on the principles of furthering independence, autonomy, social justice and access to opportunity. Services were provided in the areas of counselling, protection of children, financial assistance, community development, community-based centres, out-of-home and alternative care for children and youth services.*

Under the leadership of the Director-General, Mr Robert Fisher, a range of projects aimed at making records of the past more accessible was initiated. On 1 July 2001, this Department was replaced by the second 'version' of the Department for Community Development and this historical records management work continued under the auspices of the new Department and the next Director-General, Ms Jane Brazier.

## Gallery

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**Department for Family and Children's Services, logo**

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995)
  - **Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia (1 July 1995 – 1 July 2001)**
    - Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007)

## Related Entries

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- [Tudor Lodge \(1952 - 2003\)](#)
- [Charles Perkins Hostel \(1962 - 2000?\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2000?
- [Weeriana Hostel \(1964 - current\)](#)
- [Cooinda \(1966 - current\)](#)
- [Moorgunyah Hostel \(1967 - 1996?\)](#)
- [Bamburra Hostel \(1970 - current\)](#)
- [Millen Street Hostel \(1970? - 1995?\)](#)
- [Ardross House \(1971 - 2004?\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
- [Bedford Hostel \(1971 - 27 February 2009\)](#)
- [McCall Centre \(1971 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Innaminka Hostel, Greenmount \(1972? - 2004?\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
- [Myera House \(1973 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Canowindra \(1974? - 2013?\)](#)
- [Kewdale House \(1976? - 2011?\)](#)
- [Albany Group Home \(1978? - current\)](#)
- [South Hedland Group Home \(1979 - 2000?\)](#)
- [Northam Group Home \(1980 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Westview \(1981 - current\)](#)
- [Meekatharra Hostel \(1983? - 2005?\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
- [Chesterfield House, Rockingham Youth External Accommodation Project \(1983 - current\)](#)  
The Department for Family and Children's Services was responsible for overseeing the programs run at Chesterfield House, Rockingham Youth External Accommodation Project.  
Date: 1995 - 1997
- [Darlington House \(1983 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
- [Kalgoorlie Group Home \(1987 - current\)](#)
- [Gilmore House Group Home \(1988 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street \(1993? - current\)](#)
- [Carnarvon Group Home \(1997 - current\)](#)
- [Yurag-Man-Gu Taam-Purru Placement and Support Centre \(2000? - 2007\)](#)  
Date: 2000? - 2001

### Related Events

- [Inquiry into the Welfare of Former British Child Migrants, House of Commons Health Committee, Parliament of the United Kingdom \(July 1997 - 23 July 1998\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [PICYS \(Perth Inner City Youth Service\) Household Network \(1980 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
- [TINOCA \(Youth Futures WA\) \(1986 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
- [Case Review Board \(1988 - 2006\)](#)  
The Case Review Board provided advice to the Director General of the Department for Family and Children's Services.
- [Adoption Services, Child Protection and Family Support \(1994? - current\)](#)
- [Out of Home Preventative and Alternative Care Planning and Coordination Committee \(12 September 1994 - 31 March 1998\)](#)  
The Out of Home Preventative and Alternative Care Planning and Coordination Committee advised the Department for Family and Children's Services on the development and integration of the out of home care sector in Western Australia.

Date: 1995 - 1998

- [Landsdale House \(1995 - current\)](#)

Landsdale House was run by the Salvation Army under a Service Agreement with the Department.

- [Care for Children Advisory Committee \(1999 - February 2002\)](#)

The Care for Children Advisory Committee advised the Department for Family and Children's Services on matters relating to the out of home care sector in Western Australia.

Date: 1999 - 2001

## Related Legislation

- [Child Welfare Act 1947, Western Australia \(1948 - 2006\)](#)

## Resources

- Information Services, Department for Community Development, [Signposts: A Guide for Children and Young People in Care in WA from 1920](#), 2004. *Relevance:* The project that resulted in the publication of Signposts was initiated during the lifetime of the Department for Family and Children's Services
- Ash, Sue; Western Australia. Out of Home, Preventative and Alternative Care Services Review. Planning and Co-ordination Committee, *Issues in Policy, Planning and Practice in the Area of Out of Home, Preventative and Alternative Care: An Examination and Overview of the Contribution of the Out of Home, Preventative and Alternative Care Planning and Co-ordination Committee 1994-1997*, 1997
- Western Australia. Family and Children's Services, *Annual Report: Family and Children's Services*, 1996 - 2001
- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 55 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), July 2003
- Manning, Lorna, [Submission No 184 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 19 August 2003
- Health Committee, House of Commons, [Health - Third Report](#), 23 July 1998
- House of Commons Health Committee, [Minutes of Evidence Taken Before the Health Committee on 11 June 1998 \(Health - Third Report\)](#), 11 June 1998

## Records

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### Records

- [Records of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, and predecessors \(1894 - current\)](#)
  - [Former Child Migrants Referral Index \(1913 - 1968\)](#)

The project that resulted in the publication of the Former Child Migrants Referral Index was initiated during the lifetime of the Department for Family and Children's Services.
  - [Client Files, Child Protection and Family Support \[and its predecessors\] \(1921 - current\)](#)
  - [Family Information Research System \(1921 - current\)](#)
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