

State Children Department, State of Western Australia

1 January 1917 – 22 December 1927

Details

The Western Australian State Children Department existed between 1 January 1917 and 22 December 1927. The State Children Department was an early preceding agency to the Department for Communities and the Department for Child Protection and Family Support which were established in 2007.

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

Following a change of permanent head, the Public Charities and Children's Department became one department, the State Children's Department in 1917, to reflect the greater emphasis placed on protection of juveniles.

In 1927 the Child Welfare Act replaced the State Children Act and the departmental name was changed accordingly. The Department continued to be responsible for the Perth Children's Court.

Sydney Watson held the position of Secretary, State Children Department (Western Australia) from 1917-1927 before becoming the Secretary of the Child Welfare Department was established.

More info

Chronology

- Public Charities and State Children Department, State of Western Australia (1 January 1908 - 1 January 1917)
 - **State Children Department, State of Western Australia (1 January 1917 – 22 December 1927)**
 - Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia (22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972)

Related Entries

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- [Government Receiving Depot \(1907 - 1935\)](#)
Date: 1917 - 1927

Related Organisations

- [Alexandra Home for Women \(1916 - 1950\)](#)
The State Children Department placed young women at the Alexandra Home for Women.

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- [Adoption Services, Child Protection and Family Support \(1994? - current\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [State Children Act 1907, Western Australia \(1907 - 1948\)](#)

Resources

- *Annual report of the State Children Department*, 1908 - 1927
- [Labour of Love](#), The West Australian, 23 January 1941
- [State Children \[Annual Report, November 1922\]](#), The Daily News, 14 November 1922
- [State Children \[Annual Report, September 1921\]](#), The Daily News, 5 September 1921

Records

Records held by other organisations

- [Hillcrest Records \(1912 - 1974\)](#)
- [Records of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, and predecessors \(1894 - current\)](#)
- [Methodist Home for Children: reports and general correspondence \(Volume 1 of 2\) \(15 November 1923 - 18 July 1942\)](#)

Restricted records relating to the Methodist Homes for Children are held at item 1924/0755 v1 in the State Records Office of Western Australia

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- ["Care for Children - Committees \(Boarding Out Committee \(Perth and District\)\) - Agendas, Minutes and Working Papers - JULY 1908 to MAY 1935" \(25 August 1908 - 19 May 1936\)](#)
 - [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
Records of the State Children's Department are held in Series 3172 at the State Records Office of Western Australia.
 - [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
Files created by the State Children's Department are held in this series at the State Records Office of WA.
 - [Former Child Migrants Referral Index \(1913 - 1968\)](#)
 - [Client Files, Child Protection and Family Support \[and its predecessors\] \(1921 - current\)](#)
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 - [Family Information Research System \(1921 - current\)](#)
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