

# Family Information Research System

1921 –

**Other Names:** • FIRS

**To access these records:**

For access to records controlled by the Department of Communities and its predecessors, please contact the Department of Communities Freedom of Information Unit:

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**Records Location**

These records are part of [Records of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, and predecessors \(1894 - current\)](#)

## Details

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Family Information Research System [FIRS] for the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and its predecessors is an electronic database designed specifically to hold records that are important for Aboriginal people in WA who are members of the Stolen Generations. FIRS contains indexes to government, non-government and community records.

## Access Conditions

Access to these records is restricted and confidentiality is protected by Child Protection and Family Support. If you believe the Department may hold records about you, or about a family member, you are encouraged to apply. Access is governed by the Freedom of Information Act 1992 and CPFS has a form on their website which you must use to apply for records.

## Records

The amount of information that will be available for people will differ from person to person, but the database is designed to identify at least the following:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Placements
- Parents' names (if known)
- Names of brothers or sisters

# More info

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## Organisations in these records

### Related Organisations

- [State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 22 December 1927\)](#)
  - [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)
  - [Department of Native Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1955 - 1972\)](#)
  - [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)
  - [Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992\)](#)
  - [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 \(1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007\)](#)
  - [Department for Communities, State of Western Australia \(2007 - 2013\)](#)
  - [Department for Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(27 May 2013 - July 2017\)](#)
  - [Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(July 2017 - current\)](#)
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