

Child Wellbeing and Safety Partnerships

What are Child Wellbeing and Safety Partnerships (Partnerships)?

Partnerships are meetings made up of a group of members from local services, Aboriginal organisations/community and government agencies that support children/young people and families. Partnerships are different in every community depending on community needs, and programs/services delivered in the community. Membership can include (but is not limited to):

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations
- Child and Family Centre Worker/Manager
- Aboriginal Health Worker/Clinic Nurse or Manager
- Families As First Teachers Worker
- School Liaison, Counsellor or Principal
- Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer/Local Police Officer
- Youth Worker/Youth Justice Worker
- Safe House Worker/Domestic or Family Violence Worker
- Aboriginal Community Worker/Child Protection Practitioner
- Family Support Worker
- Housing Officer

What do Partnerships do?

When there are worries about the safety and/or wellbeing of children/young people, referrals can be made to the local Partnership. The Partnership will meet to share information, and talk with families to make plans for services to work with, and support them to deal with any worries which can help to keep their children/young people safe and well.

Which communities have Partnership meetings?

Palmerston	Greater Darwin (Northern Suburbs)	Wadeye	Naiiyu
Jabiru	Gunbalanya	Wurrumiyanga	Galiwinku
Angurugu	Nhulunbuy	Lajamanu	Kalkarindji
Ngukurr	Borrooloola	Tennant Creek	Elliot
Ali Curung	Ntaria	Ti Tree	Papunya
Yuendumu	Atitjere	Yirrkala	Gunyungarra

How do I make a referral to a Partnership?

Referrals can come from community members, support services, Aboriginal organisations or government agencies. Wherever possible you should talk to the family of the child/young person to let them know what you are worried about, and tell them that you are making a referral to the Partnership for support to be put in place. A referral form needs to be filled out and given to the Secretary of the Partnership. If you are a community member wanting to make a referral, you can get help with this from a local support service, Aboriginal organisation or government agency.

Information for communities

How will information about children/young people and families be kept private?

Information that is shared about a child/young person or family before, during and after the Partnership meeting is private. Information is not to be shared with any person who is not a member of the Partnership (unless it is required by law, or is needed to be shared as part of the family's plan for their child/young person). Sometimes the family may give permission for members to talk to certain people or services about them, as part of the plan to support their child/young person.

Partnership members are not allowed to gossip in community or tell other people any information shared in the Partnership meeting about the child/young person or family.

Where can I find out more about the Partnerships?

For more information you can speak to Partnership members in your local community.