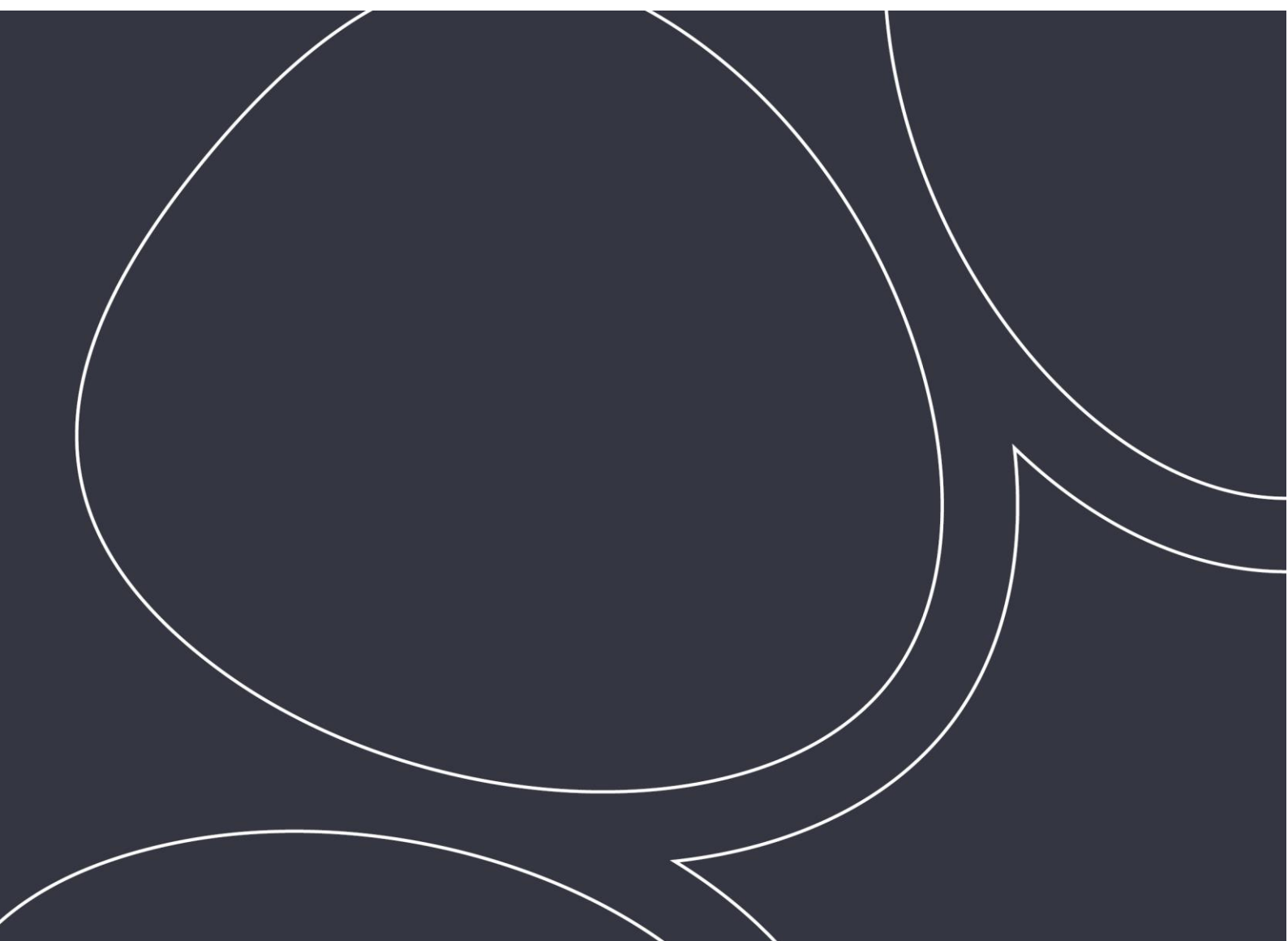


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Acronyms	Full form
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
The Department	Department of Children and Families

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1. Policy Statement

The Department must work collaboratively with other government agencies involved in youth justice, including the Attorney General Department, Department of Corrections and the Northern Territory Police, to ensure the provision of services and ongoing support to young people involved with the youth justice system and their families.

The Department is responsible for safeguarding the wellbeing of every young person in the care of the CEO encompassing any involvement with the youth justice system and including when the young person is in detention. The Department must work collaboratively with persons who have shared parental responsibility for the young person, in supporting the young person during their involvement in the youth justice system.

There are several circumstances when practitioners will be required to act in relation to matters dealt with under the [Youth Justice Act 2005](#). These include:

- providing a report to the Youth Justice Court, as ordered by the Court and attending Court to present the report
- supporting a young person in the care of the CEO in dealings with the youth justice system
and
- assisting young people in the care of the CEO to meet youth justice requirements.

2. Legislative Basis and Related Documents

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

[Youth Justice Act 2005](#)