

Policy Position Statement

Child Protection



Hi, my name is Jacqueline McGowan-Jones and I am the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA.

It's my job to stand up for the rights of children and young people.

To listen and to find out what you like, need and worry about as well as hear the great ideas you all have.

To help me do this, my team and I do surveys, forums and visits to places where children and young people get together, like schools and youth clubs.

I also talk to families, communities and people who work with children and young people to hear what they have to say.

I want to share what I have learnt so that people can make child protection better in Western Australia.

What is important for children and young people who may need child protection?



A safe place to live with people who care.



Support to maintain good health in out-of-home care.



To have their culture valued and supported.



Support in leaving out-of-home care.



Support to stay out of trouble.



That their voices are heard.



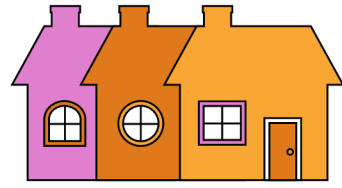
What is needed for children and young people?



Support for their families early to keep them safe and well at home.



Access to doctors and mental health support when needed.



SAFE SPACES FOR EVERYONE

Safe spaces and support for those in unsafe situations.



Support to help them stay in school, maintain stable housing, and stay connected with family when safe.



Provide those in out-of-home care with what they need to grow up healthy.



Safe homes where they can build friendships and trust.



Access to affordable health and mental health services for those in care.



Provide support and care to keep them out of trouble.



Teach life skills like managing money and help finding employment to those in care.



Ensure everyone has a trusted adult to help them speak up.

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