



## How can I find out more?

You can find out more about the Community Child Protection Worker nearest to you, by contacting your local Department for Child Protection Office.

Telephone: (08) 9222 2555

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CCPW's name

District office

Telephone



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Department for Child Protection

# Community Child Protection Worker

Working together with families and  
children for a better future.

## Background

Community Child Protection Worker (CCPW) program was developed from the Gordon Inquiry that investigated child abuse and family violence in some Aboriginal communities.

## Purpose

CCPWs work primarily with Aboriginal\* families and communities. They work from a comprehensive framework with the aim of ensuring the safety of children in communities.

CCPWs spend at least 50% of their time undertaking community capacity building to enhance the safety of children.

## Cultural expertise

CCPWs provide a culturally appropriate response to identified Aboriginal families, using Aboriginal ways of working.

CCPWs work alongside Aboriginal families to recognise their strengths and to acknowledge the positive attributes in overcoming adversity.

\*Aboriginal includes Torres Strait Islanders.

## What do Community Child Protection Workers do?

- Identify and work with a target group or community of interest (eg. family, groups, a street or whole community) to increase their capacity to develop long term solutions to child protection and community safety.
- Link identified Aboriginal families and children with agencies and community resources to ensure appropriate responses are provided.
- Build respectful relationships with Aboriginal families and their children.
- Work alongside Aboriginal families to help them find solutions to high risk behaviours, including child abuse and family violence.

## How do Community Child Protection Workers help families?

CCPWs work with the families and communities by building their capacity to protect children in an effective way to ensure child safety. This is done by:

- Providing family support.
- Supporting children or their family through investigations.
- Following completion of an investigation, working with children and families where statutory action was not taken.
- Working in reunification cases to help parents build safety capacity.
- Providing advice and expertise to case workers on child safety and protection issues and information relating to communities or families that the CCPW may be working with.

