

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND FAMILIES

CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- As at 28 February 2019, 5,317 children were in out-of-home care, 55% of whom are Aboriginal children
- While the foster care expected to be provided in 2019-20 is 1,650,000 days at a total cost of \$209.5M per annum, the cost per day of residential care is budgeted as \$1,715 and 34,500 days will be provided at a cost of \$59.1M per annum
- No further growth in the Earlier Intervention and Family Support strategy is budgeted for (\$84.5M in 2019-20) despite this relatively small program being the only key focus on preventing children entering care
- An increase in \$15.25M for care arrangements and support services for children in the CEOs care between 2018-19 and 2019-20

IMPLEMENTATION OF ROYAL COMMISSION (CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE) REFORMS

- The Commissioner for Victims of Crime has established the Redress Coordination Unit to operate the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (WA)
- National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse funding for 2019-20 is \$81K
- \$2.9M has been committed up until 2020-21 to fund a civil litigation team, established by the State Solicitors Office, that will respond to the reform and remove statutory limitation periods for historical child sexual abuse (\$1.3M in 2019-20)
- \$3.6M until 2021 for policy and program development work to progress recommendations (\$1.8M for 2019-20)
- \$627K to develop a whole-of-government independent oversight strategy of institutions providing child-related services
- The Department will address 104 recommendations made by the Royal Commission by –
 - Contributing to a whole-of-government strategy for independent oversight of institutions providing child-related services
 - Collaborating with other States and the Commonwealth in developing a National Framework for supporting child safe organisations
 - Addressing the complex issue of children with harmful sexual behaviours
 - Legislative provision to expand mandatory reporting requirements
 - Improving information sharing
 - Helping develop a model for a Reportable Conduct Scheme
 - Modifying the interface between the Working with Children Check system with the National Reference system

EARLY YEARS

- Intention to increase the percentage of children developmentally on-track (as assessed by the AECD in 2015) from 55% to 65%
- Early Years Initiative - A ten-year partnership commitment made in 2018 to work alongside community leaders, Government, researchers, business and philanthropic organisations, with Government using existing funding

HEALTH

- A 'one-stop-shop' for children, young people, and their families where they can access child health, development, and mental health services, as well as other government services such as education and community services – part of the implementation of the Sustainable Health Review

YOUTH

- \$4.7M committed to build the Brockman House community centre in Beechboro from 2019-22 (in addition to \$350K previously provided over 2017-19 for feasibility and design work)
- \$24.5M additional funding provided for the Digital Policing, including the mobility project, grants to support Police and Community Youth Centres (PCYCs), and the Stopping Family and Domestic Violence election commitment
- \$4M dedicated to sustainability funding for PCYC
- \$3M funding committed to PCYC in Carnarvon and Kununurra receiving \$3M funding until 2021-22

COMMUNITY

- \$4.7M to build Brockman House Community Centre in Beechboro, following a feasibility study