

## WHAT IS THE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY?

The Youth Justice Strategy is a Northern Territory Government framework for working with young people (up to 18 years old) who are involved in anti-social, criminal or disruptive behaviour in the Northern Territory.

### Why was it introduced?

The Youth Justice Strategy aims to help both young people and their families address any behavioural issues that may contribute to anti-social or criminal activities in the community.

Young people are encouraged to seek different activities and pathways through youth camps and diversion, while parents are encouraged to increase their parenting skills and confidence and seek appropriate support services.

### What is included in the Youth Justice Strategy?

The Youth Justice Strategy includes:

- amendments to the *Youth Justice Act* (Part 6A) (fact sheet 2);
- introduction of Family Responsibility Agreements and Family Responsibility Orders (fact sheets 3 and 4);
- creation of Family Support Centres in Darwin and Alice Springs (fact sheet 5);
- information sharing between Government Agencies regarding families of concern (fact sheets 9 and 10);
- Youth Rehabilitation Camps (fact sheet 12);
- transfer of Juvenile Community Corrections from the Department of Justice to the Department of Health and Families from December 2009; and
- creation of the Youth Justice Advisory Committee (fact sheet 11).

*For more information on the above, refer to the relevant fact sheets.*

### Who manages the Youth Justice Strategy?

The NT Families and Children division of the Department of Health and Families focuses on all areas relating to families and has taken on responsibility for the Youth Justice Strategy.