

WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY?

Part 6A of the *Youth Justice Act* defines Appropriate Agency as “an Agency to which the Minister has assigned the administrative responsibilities of an Appropriate Agency under this Part.”

The Minister for Children and Families has decided that Appropriate Agencies from the Northern Territory Government are:

- NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services;
- Department of Justice;
- Department of Education and Training;
- Department of Health and Families; and
- Department of Local Government and Housing.

These Appropriate Agencies were chosen as they have the most regular contact with families and children, because of their core business.

What do Appropriate Agencies do?

Appropriate Agencies may enter into Family Responsibility Agreements and/or Orders with families whose children are participating in anti-social or criminal behaviour.

Appropriate Agencies will work with families to ensure that all suitable services and support are being provided to the family.

Appropriate Agencies are represented by Authorised Officers at the Interagency Collaboration Panel where information is shared about families of concern.

For more information on Authorised Officers and the Interagency Collaboration Panel, see fact sheets 8 and 9.