

## **WHAT IS THE YOUTH JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE?**

The Youth Justice Advisory Committee (YJAC) is a committee of people from across the Northern Territory who have experience and expertise in the field of youth justice.

The Youth Justice Advisory Committee is necessary by law, as per Part 13 of the *Youth Justice Act*.

*For more information on the Youth Justice Act, see fact sheet 2.*

### **When does the Youth Justice Advisory Committee meet?**

The Committee meets at least every six months to discuss issues surrounding youth justice and to report back to the Northern Territory Government.

### **Who is on the Youth Justice Advisory Committee?**

There are a maximum of 12 people who can sit on the Committee. The Committee members come from all over the Northern Territory and are from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds.

### **What does the Youth Justice Advisory Committee do?**

The Youth Justice Advisory Committee:

- monitors and evaluates the administration and operation of the *Youth Justice Act*;
- advises the Minister on issues relevant to youth justice, including government policies and programs concerning youth;
- collects, analyses and provides the Minister with information relating to issues and policies concerning youth justice;
- will establish and maintain a register of Appropriate Support Persons who may be asked to sit in a Police interview with a young person if their family is not available; and
- complete any other functions the Minister decides is necessary.