

Youth Policy Framework

Building a Better Future for Young Territorians is the Northern Territory Government's youth policy framework for the delivery of programs and services to young people.

It sets out Government's vision for young people aged 12 to 25 years. The Office of Youth Affairs is responsible for coordinating, monitoring and reporting on progress of the implementation of this framework.

Our guiding principles

The framework contains key principles to underpin policies, programs and service delivery for young people. These are:

- **Respect** – To hear and respect the views of young people;
- **Diversity** – To recognise the differences and diversity of young people and not treat them as 'one size fits all';
- **Access** – To provide young people with access to services and not to disadvantage them because of how or where they live;
- **Empowerment** – To give young people the opportunity to influence decision-making;
- **Equity** – To ensure that young people have equal access to services and not be treated unfairly because of their age, gender, ethnicity, illness, disability or any other characteristic; and
- **Coordination** – To better coordinate services to young people to make the best use of available knowledge, expertise and resources within Government and in the community.

Our key directions

The framework has five key directions to guide service delivery to young people, and identifies priority actions against each direction:

- Improve young people's health and wellbeing.
- Improve access to education and employment for young people.
- Provide more opportunities for young people to have fun and develop new skills.
- Make sure that young people are able to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- Create communities where young people can feel safe and secure.

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