



Palmerston Working Together

to Improve the Wellbeing of Children & Young People

This leadership group was formed in response to a need for strategic collaboration to improve the wellbeing of all children and young people in the NT.

'Working together to make Palmerston a community where all children and young people thrive.'



Data Gathering

Data will relate specifically to Palmerston Community.



SURVEY

Local Palmerston parents attending a Children's Week event were asked:

Q. When Palmerston is working well for children and families, what would it look like?

Q. What would it take to create a Palmerston community where all children and young people thrive?

Outcome:

The purpose of this project will be to facilitate community led action, decision making and activities to improve the wellbeing of children and young people in Palmerston.

Objectives:

- To develop a clear picture of the Wellbeing of Children in Palmerston.
- To develop a coordinated community response to evidenced gaps in wellbeing.
- To build a locally driven approach to children's needs in the community.

Project Background:

This leadership group was formed in response to a need for strategic collaboration to improve the wellbeing of all children and young people in the NT. There were two key events preceding the formation of this group – a collective impact forum hosted by Child Australia in 2013 and a subsequent forum hosted by Good Beginnings Australia and Anglicare NT in April 2014. Four meetings were held between April – July 2014 and were facilitated by Good Beginnings and Child Australia. During this time a draft "Guiding Principles" document was developed. In June a subgroup was formed to apply for DSS funding to develop a Wellbeing of Children report. Good Beginnings Australia was chosen to auspice the project, which will be governed by the Leadership Group. The Leadership Group has met monthly since September 2014.

PROJECT UPDATE:

What are we up to?

- **Community engagement:** engagement with parents during Children's Week
- **Membership:** promotion to a range of organizations, headspace NT have joined the Core Group
- **Funding opportunities:** awaiting outcome of DSS funding application
- **Data gathering:** planning a forum in early 2015 – watch this space!

LINKS:

- [Good Beginnings Wellbeing of Children and Youth Initiative](#)
- [Growing Up in G21](#)
- [ARACY Report Card: The Wellbeing of Young Australians](#)
- [Unicef Innocenti Report Card 11](#)



MEMBERSHIP

[Australian Red Cross](#); [Child Australia](#); [City of Palmerston](#); [Danila Dilba](#); [Department of Social Services](#); [Early Childhood Australia](#); [FAST NT](#); [Good Beginnings Australia](#); [Headspace](#); [Kidsafe NT](#); [KidsMatter](#); [Menzies School of Health Research](#); [NAPCAN](#); [NT Government Department of Education](#); [Office of the Children's Commissioner NT](#); [Relationships Australia](#); [Save the Children](#); [The Smith Family](#)

Values:

Respect -- Transparency -- Passion -- Commitment -- Pride -- Diversity -- Innovation