

# Children and Young People Act 2008, Australian Capital Territory

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## Details

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The Children and Young People Act 2008 (Act no.19/2008) repealed the Children and Young People Act 1999. The Act addressed the priority of responding early to concerns about children and young people and improving outcomes for children and young people in out-of-home care and 'therapeutic protection.' The Act was passed on 17 July 2008.

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The Act incorporated much more comprehensive Juvenile Justice provisions requiring Juvenile Justice centres to comply with Human Rights legislation.

Provisions around 'emergency therapeutic protection' were strengthened in regards to secure facilities designed to accommodate children and young people with severe emotional and behavioural problems.

The Act included significant care and protection reforms relating to prenatal care, drug use and domestic violence. It emphasised the need for more culturally specific care plans.

Out-of-home care standards were applied to all entities involved in out-of-home care. Greater attention was given to care leaving plans and access to personal information.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Child Welfare Agreement Ordinance 1941, Commonwealth of Australia (1941 - 1987)
  - Children's Services Act 1986, Australian Capital Territory (1987 - 2000)
    - Children and Young People Act 1999, Australian Capital Territory (1999 - 2009)
  - **Children and Young People Act 2008, Australian Capital Territory (2008 – )**

### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Quamby Youth Detention Centre \(1962 - 2008\)](#)

The Children and Young People Act responded to concerns raised about the Quamby Youth Detention Centre requiring that future juvenile justice centres comply with Human Rights legislation.

- [Bimberi Youth Justice Centre \(2008 - current\)](#)

The Bimberi Youth Justice Centre is the first youth custodial centre in Australia to be designed and operated in accordance with Human Rights legislation as directed by the Children and Young People Act 2008.

#### **Is amended by**

- [Children and Young People \(Education and Care Services National Law\) Consequential Amendment Act 2011, Australian Capital Territory \(2011 - 2012\)](#)

Date: 1 January 2012 - 2 January 2012

- [Children and Young People \(Transition from Out-of-Home Care\) Amendment Act 2012, Australian Capital Territory \(2012\)](#)

Date: 1 March 2012 - 2 March 2012

- [Children and Young People Amendment Act 2009, Australian Capital Territory \(2009\)](#)

Date: 17 July 2009 - 18 July 2009

- [Children and Young People Amendment Act 2010, Australian Capital Territory \(2010\)](#)

Date: 5 March 2010 - 6 March 2010

- [Children and Young People Amendment Act 2010 \(No.2\), Australian Capital Territory \(2010\)](#)

Date: 30 September 2010 - 1 October 2010

- [Adoption Amendment Act 2009 \(No. 2\), Australian Capital Territory \(2009 - 2010\)](#)

Date: 22 April 2010 - 23 April 2010

- [Children and Young People \(Death Review\) Amendment Act 2011, Australian Capital Territory \(2011\)](#)

Date: 17 September 2011 - 18 September 2011

#### **Related Legislation**

- [Children and Young People \(Consequential Amendments\) Act 2008, Australian Capital Territory \(2008\)](#)

Date: 17 July 2008 - 28 February 2009

#### **Related Concepts**

- [Law in the Australian Capital Territory](#)

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