

Department of Health & Human Services, State Government of Victoria

January 2015 – 2021

Other Names: • DHHS

Details

On 1 January 2015, the Victorian Government established the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to integrate health and human services policies, programs and services. The new DHHS brings together the former Department of Health, former Department of Human Services and Sport and Recreation Victoria. DHHS is responsible for dealing with children placed in the care of the state. This child welfare 'function' has been the responsibility of many different government agencies in Victoria since 1864, and most of the records related to the State's child welfare responsibilities are managed by DHHS and Public Record Office Victoria (PROV). In November 2020, the Victorian government announced that DHHS would be separated into two new departments in February 2021: the Department of Health and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

More info

Chronology

- Social Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria (1970 - 1978)
 - Department of Community Welfare Services, State Government of Victoria (1978 - 1985)
 - Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria (1985 - 1992)
 - Health and Community Services, State Government of Victoria (1992 - 1995)
 - Department of Human Services, State Government of Victoria (1995 - December 2014)
- **Department of Health & Human Services, State Government of Victoria (January 2015 – 2021)**
 - Department of Health, State Government of Victoria (2021 - current)
 - Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, State Government of Victoria (2021 - current)

Related Entries

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- [Malmsbury Youth Training Centre \(1965 - 2023\)](#)
- [Acheron Youth Training Centre \(c. 1966 - 2008\)](#)
- [Melbourne Youth Justice Centre \(1993 - current\)](#)
- [Melbourne Youth Residential Centre \(1993 - current\)](#)

Related Events

- [Case Study 30: Youth detention centres, Victoria, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse \(2015\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [The Ward Records Plan Project \(2012 - current\)](#)
- [Family Information, Networks and Discovery, Department of Health & Human Services \(November 2010 - June 2019\)](#)

Resources

- Department of Health and Human Services, [Finding Records](#), 2016
- Hofmann, Chris, [Finding Records](#), Find & Connect web resource blog, 28 February 2017
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, [Report of Case Study No. 30: The response of Turana, Winlaton and Baltara, and the Victoria Police and the Department of Health and Human Services Victoria to allegations of child sexual abuse](#), April 2016
- Laurent, Nicola, [Ripple Effect](#), Find & Connect web resource blog, 22 June 2016

Records

Records

- [Records of Victorian Adoptions \(c. 1908 - current\)](#)
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