

# Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services

2009 – 2019

**Other Names:** • DoCS

## Details

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Community Services was created in 2009 as a Government agency of the Department of Human Services. In April 2011, the Department of Human Services was renamed the Department of Family and Community Services but the Community Services agency remained the same. Community Services managed child protection services and a range of programs for children and families across New South Wales and continued the work of the previous Department of Community Services. Community Services was the primary point of contact for former wards of the state and adoptees in accessing records relating to institutions, juvenile justice, foster care and out of home care. The agency had a Care Leaver Records Access Unit and an Adoption Information Unit to help people access their records. These Units became part of the Department of Communities and Justice in July 2019.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Legislation

- [Community Welfare Act 1987, New South Wales \(1987 - current\)](#)
- [Children and Young Persons \(Care and Protection\) Act 1998, New South Wales \(1998 - current\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Department of Human Services, State Government of New South Wales \(2009 - 2011\)](#)  
Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services was previously an agency of the Department of Human Services.  
Date: 2009 - 2011
- [Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(2011 - 2019\)](#)  
Community Services became an agency of the Department of Family and Community Services in 2011.

### Resources

- Callinan, Rory; Hall, Louise, [Bungle allowed paedophile to take care of children](#), 29 September 2012
- NSW Government Department of Family and Community Services, [Were you in out-of-home care?](#), 2016