

Hunter ACS

1984 – c. 2013

Other Names: • Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service

Details

Hunter ACS was a New South Wales Aboriginal Children's Services organisation that began in Newcastle in 1984 following a need, identified by the Aboriginal Legal Service, for an Aboriginal service to take responsibility for fostering Aboriginal children of the Hunter with Aboriginal families. By August 2013 it had closed.

Hunter Aboriginal Children's Services was committed to providing quality out-of-home care for Aboriginal children; protecting them from emotional, physical and sexual abuse and neglect; and to implementing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child and Young Person Placement Principles.

It favoured foster care over residential care and supported Aboriginal families with a Family Support Program. It received funding from the New South Wales Government.

In 2012 the former CEO of Hunter ACS was jailed for possessing child pornography, child sexual assault, fraud and falsifying his employment record.

In August 2013 the case was considered by the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse.

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- [Aboriginal Child Placement Principle \(1983 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Department of Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1992 - 2009\)](#)
- [New South Wales Aboriginal Children's Services \(1975 - current\)](#)

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