

State Children's Department, South Australian Government

1886 – 1927

Details

The State Children's Department took over responsibility for State children from the Destitute Poor Department in 1886 as a result of the passing of the Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act 1886. This Act created the term 'State Child' and separated responsibility for the care of State children from that of adults who continued to be cared for by the Destitute Poor Department. The State Children's Department was replaced by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department in 1927.

More info

Chronology

- Destitute Poor Department, South Australian Government (1849 - 1910)
 - **State Children's Department, South Australian Government (1886 – 1927)**
 - Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department, South Australian Government (1927 - 1966)
 - Department of Social Welfare, South Australian Government (1966 - 1970)
 - Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs, South Australian Government (1970 - 1972)
 - Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government (1972 - 1990)
 - Department for Family and Community Services, South Australian Government (1990 - 1998)

Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [State Children's Council \(1886 - 1927\)](#)
- [Boys' Probationary School \(1900 - 1945\)](#)

The Boys' Probationary School was run by the Salvation Army under the supervision of the State Children's Department.

Date: 1900 - 1927

Related Legislation

- [The Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act 1886, South Australia \(1886 - 1927\)](#)

Resources

- Spence, Catherine, *State children in Australia : a history of boarding out and its developments*, 1907