

Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997, Tasmania

2000 –

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Details

The Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997 (Act No.28/1997) came into effect on 1 July 2000. Together with the Youth Justice Act 1997, which commenced in 1999, this legislation brought about significant changes in the delivery of care and protection and youth justice services in Tasmania.

According to Ombudsman Tasmania (2004), the *Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act* takes a multidisciplinary approach. The object of the Act is 'to provide for the care and protection of children in a manner that maximizes the child's opportunity to grow up in a safe and stable environment and to reach his or her full potential.' (Part 1, Section 7)

Planning for this Act began in 1976. That year the Advisory Council agreed that the proposed act should consider the child in the context of their families and communities.

More info

Chronology

- Industrial Schools Act 1867, Tasmania (1867 - 1896)
 - Youthful Offenders, Destitute and Neglected Children's Act 1896, Tasmania (1896 - 1918)
 - The Children of the State Act 1918, Tasmania (1918 - 1936)
 - Infants' Welfare Act 1935, Tasmania (1935 - 1961)
 - Child Welfare Act 1960, Tasmania (1960 - 2003)
- **Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997, Tasmania (2000 –)**

Related Entries

Related Events

- [Select Committee on Child Protection, Tasmania \(2010 - 2011\)](#)
- [Committee of Review into the Child Welfare Act 1960, Tasmania \(1977 - 1978\)](#)

Related Glossary Terms

- [Uncontrollable \(c. 1867 - 1990s\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Commissioner for Children \(c. 2000 - current\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Advisory Council \(1960 - c. 1998\)](#)

The Child Welfare Advisory Council began making recommendations for a new act in 1976.

Is amended by

- [Aboriginal Child Placement Principle \(1983 - current\)](#)
- [Children, Young Persons and Their Families Amendment Act 2009 \(2009 - current\)](#)
- [Children, Young Persons and Their Families Amendment Act 2011, Tasmania \(2011 - current\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Child Protection Act 1974, Tasmania \(1974 - 1998\)](#)
- [Youth Justice Act 1997, Tasmania \(1997 - current\)](#)

Resources

- Evans, Caroline, [Childhood](#), The companion to Tasmanian history, 2005

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