

# Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia

1 October 1992 – 1 July 1995

## Details

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The Department for Community Development was formed on 1 October 1992, and was the key government organisation responsible for child welfare in Western Australia. It ceased on 1 July 1995 and was followed by the Department for Family and Children's Services. There have been two 'versions' of the Department for Community Development in WA and each of them has a separate entry in the Find & Connect web resource because although the names were the same, they existed at different times and had somewhat different policies and practices.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Aborigines Department, State of Western Australia (1926 - 1936)
- Department of Native Affairs, State of Western Australia (1936 - 1954)
  - Department of Native Welfare, State of Western Australia (1955 - 1972)
  - Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia (1972 - 1985)
  - Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia (1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992)
- **Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 October 1992 – 1 July 1995)**
  - Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia (1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001)
  - Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007)
    - Department for Communities, State of Western Australia (2007 - 2013)
    - Department of Local Government and Communities (2013 - 2017)
    - Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, State Government of Western Australia (1 July 2017 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Ran

- [Ardross House \(1971 - 2004?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Bamburra Hostel \(1970 - current\)](#)
- [Bedford Hostel \(1971 - 27 February 2009\)](#)
- [Canowindra \(1974? - 2013?\)](#)

- [Charles Perkins Hostel \(1962 - 2000?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Cooinda \(1966 - current\)](#)
- [Derby Hostel \(1956 - 1994\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1994
- [Westview \(1981 - current\)](#)
- [Gilmore House Group Home \(1988 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Innaminka Hostel, Greenmount \(1972? - 2004?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Gwynne Lea \(1970 - 1997?\)](#)
- [Kalgoorlie Hostel \(1976 - 1993?\)](#)
- [Kalgoorlie Group Home \(1987 - current\)](#)
- [Kewdale House \(1976? - 2011?\)](#)
- [Kyewong Hostel \(1967? - 2002?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Laverton Hostel \(1984 - 1994\)](#)
- [Longmore Remand and Assessment Centre \(1965 - 1993?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1993
- [Longmore Training Centre \(1983 - 1993\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1993
- [McCall Centre \(1971 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Meekatharra Hostel \(1983? - 2005?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Moorgunyah Hostel \(1967 - 1996?\)](#)
- [Myera House \(1973 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Northam Group Home \(1980 - 2005?\)](#)
- [Nyandi \(1970 - 1997\)](#)
- [Oceanview \(1970 - 1995?\)](#)
- [Oolanyah Hostel \(1970? - 1993?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1993?
- [Riverbank \(1960 - 1996\)](#)
- [South Hedland Group Home \(1979 - 2000?\)](#)
- [Tudor Lodge \(1952 - 2003\)](#)
- [Warramia Group Home \(1972 - 2004?\)](#)
- [Weeriana Hostel \(1964 - current\)](#)
- [Wollaston \(1973 - 1995?\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1995?
- [Chesterfield House, Rockingham Youth External Accommodation Project \(1983 - current\)](#)  
The Department for Community Development was responsible for overseeing the programs run at Chesterfield House, Rockingham Youth External Accommodation Project.  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Darlington House \(1983 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1993 - 1995
- [Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street \(1993? - current\)](#)
- [Warminda \(1984 - 1993?\)](#)
- [Collier House \(1985 - 1993?\)](#)  
Date: 1992? - 1993?

## Related Organisations

- [Northam Cottage \(1979 - current\)](#)  
The Department for Community Development placed some children at Northam Cottages.  
Date: 1992 - 1995
- [Langford Youth Accommodation Service \(1986? - 2001\)](#)
- [Adoption Services, Child Protection and Family Support \(1994? - current\)](#)
- [Ministry of Justice, State of Western Australia \(1993 - 2001\)](#)  
The youth justice functions of the Department for Community Development were transferred to the Ministry of Justice in July 1994.

- [Consultative Committee on Residential Child Care \[and Interim Committee\] \(28 January 1977 - 1993\)](#)  
The Consultative Committee on Residential Child Care reviewed and evaluated residential child care facilities that were subsidised by the Department for Community Development.  
Date: 1992 - 1993
- [Out of Home Preventative and Alternative Care Planning and Coordination Committee \(12 September 1994 - 31 March 1998\)](#)  
The Out of Home Preventative and Alternative Care Planning and Coordination Committee advised the Department for Community Development on the development and integration of the out of home care sector in Western Australia.  
Date: 1994 - 1995
- [Case Review Board \(1988 - 2006\)](#)  
The Case Review Board provided advice to the Director General of the Department for Community Development.

## Resources

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- Department for Community Development, *From Crisis to Prevention: The Community Services Industry Study*, 1994
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- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 55 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), July 2003
- Department of Justice, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 177 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 24 September 2003
- *Annual Reports, Department for Community Development*, 1993 - 1996

## Records

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### Records

- [Records of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, and predecessors \(1894\)](#)
  - [Client Files, Child Protection and Family Support \[and its predecessors\] \(1921\)](#)
  - [Family Information Research System \(1921\)](#)
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