

Get ready for commencement of the *Child Protection Reform Amendment Act 2017*

The Queensland Government is implementing contemporary legislation to reflect the role of parents, families, communities, government agencies, non-government organisations and the private sector in supporting Queensland children and families, now and into the future.

What's changing?

Permanency arrangements that focus on relational, physical and legal permanency and ensure timely decisions are made so children and young people have stability and permanency.

Safe care and connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with their families, communities and cultures, and introduction of an independent entity to facilitate the participation of children and young people and their families in decision-making.

Contemporary information sharing provisions focused on simplifying when, what and by whom information can be shared, with a focus on the safety, wellbeing and best interests of children and young people.

Transition to Adulthood ensuring a transition plan is in place from age 15 and support is available up to age 25.

Vaccination as part of the current provisions around medical treatment to allow for children and young people in the chief executive's custody to be protected from preventable diseases in situations where consent cannot be obtained.

Intervention with Parental Agreement to ensure children and young people are safe at home and parents are aware of their requirements to achieve the intervention goals.

Temporary Custody Orders clarifying the use of Temporary Custody Orders while the Director of Child Protection Litigation considers a referral.

Child witness protections extending the prohibition against publishing identifying information to all proceedings (including committal and bail hearings).

Research Enhancing the department's ability to share information for research purposes.

Use of Information by Queensland Police enabling amber and child abduction alerts for children in care to be issued faster.

Where can I get more information?

Visit www.csyw.qld.gov.au/child-safety-legislation-reform, search for Child Protection Reform Amendment Act Implementation on DCSYW Yammer or email CPAreform@communities.qld.gov.au.

More detailed information about the reforms will be communicated in the lead up to implementation.