

Residential Care Roadmap – at a glance

This roadmap will help us create a sustainable and contemporary model of residential care that exists within a suite of care arrangements, including foster and kinship care, that together meet the needs of children and young people. A system characterised by:

1

Listening to children and young people:

The voices of children experiencing care tell us what is most important to them.

2

Establishing the right care models:

Individual children and young people’s safety, wellbeing and unique needs are met with the right mix of supports and services in residential care.

4

Culturally led responses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing are embedded in our ways of working.

6

Our workforce:

Our people and system partner to grow a workforce that is sustainable, diverse, capable, and effective.

3

Keeping families together and connected:

Keep families together and sustain lasting connections to kin, community and country for all children and young people.

5

Improving support for kin and foster carers:

Family-based carers are equipped with the necessary resources, training, and assistance to create a caring, safe, secure, and stable home environment for children and young people.

Our approach over the next five years

Year 1: Trialling new approaches

The first year of implementation will focus on co-designing and piloting new models, partnering with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, and building on what works. We will continue to listen and learn from children, carers, and our sector partners.

2024

Years 2–4: Continuing investment in our carers and specialist services

Activities in years 2–4 will focus on expanding our new ways of working and increasing services and supports across the child protection continuum.

2025–2027

Year 5+: Building capability and impact

The final year of the roadmap will focus on embedding good performance and partnering for excellence.

2028+