

Unify



“To ensure Queensland families, children and young people are cared for, protected, safe and able to reach their full potential through improved capability for our frontline staff, government agencies and partners to share information and integrate service delivery.”

The Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (DCSYW), in partnership with the Department of Youth Justice (DYJ), has commenced fundamental work to support a four-year journey to replace our existing integrated client management system (ICMS).

This new core Child Safety and Youth Justice system is called Unify.

The Program will:

- Better support our staff.
- Continue our service reforms.
- Enable more streamlined processes and engagement with young people, families, carers and services.
- Improve information sharing and collaboration across Queensland Government and with the social services and justice sectors.

It will build on the work already well underway with digital initiatives such as iDOCS, OurChild, CarerConnect, KicBox, CourtShare and CSXpress.

Our staff and stakeholders will play a crucial role in the success of this Program.

It aims to:

- Implement a new contemporary and coordinated case management system for vulnerable children, young people and families.
- Improve how we do business.

It will be:

- Client-centric: supporting targeted, needs-based responses to children, young people, parents, families, carers and communities while delivering earlier and more effective interventions;
- Data driven: improving how we manage data to enable the effective monitoring of outcomes and ensuring that future investment is directed to what works; and
- Integration-enabling: designed around collaboration and information sharing, enabling connected and integrated responses to clients across government agencies and non-government partners.

What does it involve?

The Program’s Tranche 1 has three stages being delivered over four years, with Stage 1 occurring from the 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020.

The Program involves three projects being delivered in a staged approach.

- Child and Family Unify Project: A Queensland where our children are safer.
- Youth Justice Unify Project: Improved pathways for youth to transition into the community.
- Technology Foundations: platform, data and integration services to migrate from existing systems.

Key benefits

The Program will deliver significant benefits to clients and the community. It will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service system and the ability to make changes to the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) system, to align to legislation, policy and practice.

Benefits include:

1. **Client’s able to access and contribute content:** Increased ability for clients to access and contribute appropriate information about themselves and the services received or needed
2. **Better client service matching:** Improved ability to analyse outcomes and compare effectiveness of service provision
3. **Better department investments:** Increased ability to draw insights from data to better align risks and need, and enable more informed decision investment decisions
4. **More time for service delivery:** Easier to use system, giving users access to the right information, at the right time, and for the right purpose
5. **Better resource allocation:** Improved ability to plan and manage performance, resource allocation, and workload effectively
6. **Expanded sharing capability:** Improved access to relevant information about a client, as well as for government agencies and funded servicers to access and contribute to this view
7. **Better monitoring and reporting:** Improved access to information ‘on demand’ and in ‘real time’ for service delivery and reporting
8. **Greater system adaptability:** System is easily adaptable to policy, legislation and business process change
9. **More scalable system:** Improved system scalability that is more responsive to evolving business, client groups or service provider needs.

Next steps

Planned activities for Stage 1 aim to deliver new functionality for Child Safety and Youth Justice, including:

- Increase access to information for intake services.
- Assist with faster identification and matching of foster and kinship carers.
- Enhanced search functionality across multiple information systems.
- Improve information sharing and collaboration with Education, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Health, early childhood and doctors.
- Improve court support through more timely information access that informs critical decision making.

How can I find out more about Unify?

If you have a question or would like to know more about Unify:

- email the Unify team, Unify@csyw.qld.gov.au
- phone us on 3097 6003

What does success look like for the Program?

 Our departmental reform agenda is enabled	 Our workforce is flexible and mobile
 The technology supporting service delivery is agile and responsive to change	 There are no critical assurance actions outstanding
 We deliver on the value proposition and benefits	 We have met the agreed deliverables for Tranche 1
 A child / young person’s needs are met through improved information sharing and collaboration	 We remain within the program tolerances for time, budget and scope
 There is alignment with WoG strategic agenda	 Our strategies are appropriately applied