



# Policy & Community Development

In the Policy and Community Development Division we stimulate the growth of 'Communities for all/Opportunities for everyone' by providing strategic policy, programs and services that:

- engage the enthusiasm, energies and skills of community members
- value and use the strengths of community members to build a fairer and more equitable community
- support people to be informed and active participants in decision making and local solutions
- increase opportunities for positive development of children and young people
- enable members of all groups in the community to share in the benefits of social and economic participation, now and in the future.

Policy and Community Development Division is made up of the following areas:

- APY Lands Community Programs
- Aboriginal Policy and Strategic Projects
- Social Policy
- Office for Volunteers
- Office for Youth
- Strategic Policy
- Office for Carers

We provide advice and develop policies and programs that apply **across and on behalf of the South Australian Government** to improve outcomes for particular population groups in South Australia by:

- supporting young people aged 12 to 25 to reach their full potential and achieve positive life outcomes, through the Office for Youth
- supporting a high level of community participation in order to help build stronger communities, through the Office for Volunteers
- engaging with Aboriginal families, communities and other partners to support them to access services and enjoy the full benefits of these services
- recognising and supporting carers and their role in the community, through the Office for Carers.

We develop policies and programs that provide an **overarching policy direction** and address issues that affect all components of the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) including:

- advice to the Chief Executive and Ministers for Cabinet, Ministerial meetings and state and national forums
- working with other agencies to develop cross-agency and whole of government policies and projects that provide coordinated responses to key issues
- engaging with communities and stakeholders to achieve mutual goals including through provision of targeted grants
- leading and coordinating strategic departmental projects.

We have an ongoing role in the development of departmental **policies and programs designed to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children, families and communities** by:

- supporting the divisions that have expertise and primary responsibility for achieving outcomes for Aboriginal people in their area of business
- planning and coordinating the DCSI Aboriginal Priorities Plan to assist divisions to plan and monitor agreed targets



- creating opportunities to incorporate the interests of Aboriginal people in DCSI business eg linking divisions to relevant Aboriginal decision making structures
- promoting and coordinating whole of department action to increase the cultural competence of the department.

**We provide services** that increase **access to information** for:

- young people, through the Office for Youth and its support to the youth services sector
- community members and organisations, through the Office for Volunteers
- carers, through the Office for Carers.

We coordinate and provide **DCSI community services for Anangu** children, families and communities living in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands including:

- providing disability, aged, family support, and youth services
- developing and implementing the *DCSI APY Lands Strategic Framework 2010-13* which provides an integrated departmental service delivery system on the Lands.

**Key job roles:**

- Administrative Officer,
- Project Officer,
- Policy Officer

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