

# Program Profile

<b>Program or project name</b>	Child and Family Intensive Support Services (CaFIS)
<b>Location/s</b>	Wadeye, NT
<b>Client group</b>	Vulnerable families with children aged 0-18 yrs
<b>Internal stakeholders</b>	Family Support Workers, Community Engagement Workers, Child Development Specialists
<b>External stakeholders</b>	Thamarrurr Development Corporation, Territory Families, Health Centre, School, Safe House, Child and Family Centre, Department of Corrections, NDIS, Department of Chief Minister, NIAA, DSS, Local Store, Police and Emergency Services, Housing.
<b>Program or project description</b>	<p>CaFIS is an intensive family support program focusing on improving outcomes for children in families where child neglect has been identified - keeping children with family, in community connected to country, connected to culture and keeping children connected to school.</p> <p>There are ten key focus areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prevent children from being removed from their family and culture by addressing child neglect.</li> <li>2. Work to improve school attendance of children</li> <li>3. Support families to reduce youth suicide and self-harm</li> <li>4. Work with parents to educate them on the negative impacts of Social Media</li> <li>5. Advocate for families to help the address their housing needs</li> <li>6. Support families where a member is in prison.</li> <li>7. Advocate for families experiencing domestic and family violence</li> <li>8. Work with families about the negative impact of alcohol and other drugs.</li> <li>9. Develop parenting capacity to support them in addressing failure to thrive in the under 5's and general family insecurity</li> <li>10. Supporting vulnerable families and their children as they transit between Wadeye and Darwin</li> </ol> <p>Bicultural participation is at the heart of our service delivery. We are committed to co-working arrangements, where our local Aboriginal staff and non-Aboriginal practitioners share a caseload, and offer a practice model that respectfully engages clients and provides peer support for the practitioners.</p>
<b>Additional information</b>	The program is funded through to 2026.