



Program Profile

Program or project name	East Kimberley Programs
Location/s	Kununurra and surrounds, WA
Client group	Children, young people, and families
Internal stakeholders	Regional Manager, Team Leaders, Senior Practitioner, Youth Specialists
External stakeholders	Program delivery partners, Community service agencies, Government agencies, Aboriginal Controlled Community Agencies
Program or project description	<p>54 reasons operates youth programs in Kununurra and funds Communities for Children partners in Kununurra, Wyndham, Warmun and Halls Creek. Programs target children and young people facing adversity or vulnerability due to socio-economic disadvantage, and/or those experiencing varied stresses or issues that affect family functioning. The vast majority of the children and youth that we work with are Aboriginal.</p> <p>Programs include:</p> <p>Chilling Space Conducted at the local Youth Hub, between 6pm – 12 midnight on Friday and Saturdays. This is a drop-in centre where young people go to do recreational, educational, and social activities. The program also has a component of case management.</p> <p>Youth Night Patrol Conducted on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. This program collects young people from the streets of Kununurra and takes them home or to a safe place.</p> <p>Mid-Week Program This program operates on a Wednesday night in the afternoon for young people. It consists of a range of activities including sports and educational activities and may be gender specific sometimes.</p> <p>Emergency Relief This service provides immediate support to young people and families in crisis by paying bills, such as utility bills, and with the supply of food vouchers.</p>



Communities for Children Program

This program receives funding from the Department of Social Services to fund local agencies to provide programs to children aged 0 to 12 years. Currently seven services are funded, and staff provide support and assistance to these agencies.

Youth Justice

This program supports highly at-risk young people identified and referred by the Department of Justice in Kununurra. Staff deliver strengths-based youth mentoring and case management who have offended or at risk of re-offending. They work with these young people to address the underlying social and environment issues that lead to crime. The Youth Bail Accommodation service, delivered in partnership with Hope Community Services, is also available for young people from across the East Kimberley region. Intensive mentoring, cultural activities and support to access programs are provided with the aim to reduce offending behaviour though increasing the young person's safety, positive connection with community, life skills and pathways to education.

Children's Contact Services (CCS)

CCS works with children of separated parents, who can be referred to the CCS by the Family Court, local organisations or self-referral. Intake of referrals is triaged, prioritising families with a Family Law Court Order as well as those with concerns around child safety.

The service coordinates and manages supervised contact to allow children to see families in a safe and supportive environment. When supervised contact is through a long-term arrangement it is facilitated with transition goals in place. All case and transitions plans are developed with thorough risk screening and keeping children's rights at the forefront of everything we do.