

Practising within the Framework

Child Protection Services

	ENGAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT	SEEKING SOLUTIONS	SECURING SAFETY AND BELONGING
What do we want to achieve? OUR FOCUS	Determine the child's* level of safety, risk and well-being in conference with the child, their family and community	Collaborative decision-making and planning to restore the safety and well-being of the child	Continuity, stability, connection, care and protection of children
What do we do? OUR ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on preventative (secondary) intervention • Engage with informal and formal networks which have concerns about a child • Engage with the child and their family including their informal networks • Assess risk, needs, strengths and protection • Provide information and advice to children, families and others • Refer to other services • Hold strategy discussions • Make a decision on entry to the statutory service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on needs and causes (holistic approach) • Flexible to meet clients' needs with early resources targeted to families in need • Facilitate supportive or therapeutic responses to meeting the needs of children and families or resolving problems • Support family partnerships • Lead wrap-around approaches to service coordination • Initiate early intervention services • Hold family-led meetings • Initiate legal action only as a last resort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide out of home care services and plan for these services with the child's family • Address the effects of harm and monitor risk • Plan for stability of care • Facilitate connections with family and community • Provide cultural planning • Provide leaving care planning
How do we do it? OUR MODELS AND TOOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasmanian Risk Framework and Core Needs Assessment Tools • Specialist Assessment Guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community approach to service provision • Case planning and reviews • Family Group Conferencing Program • Partnership with key service providers • Diversion away from the court system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care planning and reviews • Action and Progress Records • Formal out of home care • After care services

*The terms "child" and "children" are used to include young people up to the age of 18 years.