

# Katherine Justice Reinvestment



# Who is part of the group.

- Australian Red Cross
- Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission (Katherine)
- Wurli - Wurlinjang
- Katherine Regional Aboriginal Health and Related Services Aboriginal Corporation
- NT PHN (Katherine)
- Aboriginal Interpreter Service (Katherine)
- NT Government Department of Education (Katherine)
- Youth Outreach & Re-Engagement Teams (Territory Families)
- Venndale Rehabilitation Centre
- NTCoss
- Charles Darwin University
- Menzies School of Health Research
- James Cook University
- Community members
- Jesuit Social Services
- AngliCare NT (Katherine)
- Relationship Australia (Katherine)
- NAJJA (Katherine)

# Justice Reinvestment Wheel



# Governance & LEADERSHIP

- Katherine JR Group (large network) - meets monthly
- JR Working Group (smaller core group - decision-making) - as required
- Working Groups established
  - Strategic Planning Working Group (time-limited)
  - Data Working Group (ongoing) - quarterly
  - Logo Working Group (time-limited)

# KATHERINE YOUTH JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROJECT

## STRATEGIC PLAN

1  
TO FACILITATE A SAFE AND HAPPY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FAMILIES CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF KATHERINE

**OUR VISION**  
*Working together and supporting positive change across ALL generations in our communities to reduce youth incarceration*

**OUR MISSION**  
*To lead effective youth justice reinvestment strategies in Katherine*

2  
TO STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN PARTNERSHIP APPROACHES IN THE PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF YJR IN KATHERINE

3  
TO REDUCE OFFENDING AND INCARCERATION OF KATHERINE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

4  
TO VALUE, PRIVILEGE AND CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTION OF YOUTH IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF YJR STRATEGIES IN KATHERINE

5  
TO STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FOR YJR IN KATHERINE

VALUES

ADVOCACY

FUNDING / RESOURCING

ENGAGEMENT

PRIMARY PREVENTION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

IMPLEMENTATION

COMMUNITY EVALUATION

CHANGING NARRATIVE

## CRITICAL ENABLERS

## **OUR PRINCIPLES & VALUES** THAT GUIDE THE WAY WE WORK

THE KYJRWG COMMIT TO:

**PROMOTE** EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**ACT** ETHICALLY, THOUGHTFULLY AND MEANINGFULLY

**ADOPT** A STRENGTHS-BASED POSITION

**PROMOTE** COMMUNITY-LEVEL LEADERSHIP AND OWNERSHIP

**PROVIDE** A CULTURALLY SAFE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT

**WORK** COLLABORATIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY FOR LONGER-TERM OUTCOMES

**EMBRACE** EXISTING COMMUNITY ASSETS

**BUILD** AND FURTHER DEVELOP YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

**ADVOCATE** FOR POSITIVE CHANGE AT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEVELS

**DEMONSTRATE** FLEXIBILITY AND AGILITY IN RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

**SHOW** TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN DECISION MAKING

# Katherine JR IS POLICY RELEVANT

- *Safe, Thriving & Connected*
  - 3. Improving youth justice
    - 3.2 Keeping children out of detention
    - 3.3 Youth detention that works
- *Starting Early for a Better Future - Early Childhood Plan*
  - Strong Families
  - Getting it Right for Life
  - Quality Early Childhood Development System
- *Alcohol Harm Minimisation Action Plan 2018-2019*
  - Strengthening Community Responses
  - Comprehensive, Collaborative and Coordinated Approach

## SAFE, THRIVING AND CONNECTED: GENERATIONAL CHANGE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Northern Territory Government's plan to implement reforms to better support children, young people and families experiencing vulnerability and to deliver the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

2018 - 2023



# Outputs to Date

- Proof of concept project started in 2015
- Community JR Consultation Report released in July 2016 (Allison 2016)
- Service Agreement with CDU/Menzies December 2017
- New Territory Forum - May 2018 - 90+ attendees
- Mid-Term Report complete (Smith et al 2018) - comprehensive overview of social issues data
- Strategic Plan developed
- Business Plan developed
- Communication and Engagement Strategy
- Sub-research projects completed
  - Depictions of youth in social media in Katherine
  - Navigating tensions in the Katherine JR project



# MOVING FORWARD

- Finalisation of data mapping, including police, corrections and justice data
- Findings from 20+ research interviews with key stakeholders - Service Providers, Indigenous stakeholders and local youth
- Youth voices project - 5-6 yarning circles with Katherine youth
- Developing posters to raise awareness about Katherine JR and local issues data
- Developing logo for Katherine JR (youth-focused project)
- Funding proposals to sustain Katherine JR for the next five years (stages 2-4)
- Supporting partnership with local Aboriginal community controlled organisation re youth residential care facility



Thank You.