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and Young People Tasmania

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OUT-OF-HOME CARE MONITORING PROGRAM

In 2018, the Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) commissioned the CREATE Foundation in Tasmania to consult with children and young people with experience of out-of-home care, to obtain their views about the content and format of a new information resource about the Commissioner's Out-of-Home Care Monitoring Program.

CREATE consulted with 10 young people in Tasmania aged between 13 and 24 years who identified as having an out-of-home care experience. Amongst other findings, CREATE reported that young people wanted to read about the guiding principles for the Monitoring Program, but they found some of the words used to describe the principles hard to understand. Responding to this and other feedback, the CREATE Foundation drafted some youth-friendly text about the guiding principles.

CREATE's youth friendly description of the monitoring principles is set out below, alongside the corresponding description contained in the Interim Commissioner's *Out-of-Home Care Monitoring Plan 2018-19*.

Child-centred

First things first, the monitoring will be child-centred; it will view each child or young person as an individual with rights, including their right to participate in decisions about themselves, in line with their age and maturity.

Helpful and useful

Monitoring will bring about useful knowledge that supports the Tasmanian Government and other organisations to make good decisions about achievable improvements to out-of-home care in Tasmania.

Relevant

Monitoring will take public concerns, current and future reform processes (changes) and monitoring frameworks, policy settings (rules), laws and organisations' views.

Strong and stable

Monitoring activities will find correct and reliable information that can be looked at closely. Monitoring will reflect the best way of doing things from other places in Australia and internationally. The Monitoring Program will also collect information and hand out the findings which are viewed as A-OK by stakeholders.

Doing things straight away and open to change

The Monitoring Plan will not be a fixed document; it will be looked at and changed at least yearly to reflect changing rules and the way programs run, as well as lessons learnt from previous years of monitoring.

Workable

The Monitoring Program will be based on information which can be found easily, either from existing information sources or through monitoring activities. Monitoring activities will be easily workable, given the available resources and timeframes.

Rules of behavior

All monitoring activities will be conducted in accordance with the Commissioner for Children and Young People's policies and procedures, which are available at:

<http://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au>

Check out
our **Conceptual Plan** [here](#)
and our **Monitoring Plan** [here](#)

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