

Making rights real for children and young people in Tasmania

The Commissioner's Vision

Children and young people live their best lives when they know their rights, and when governments realise their rights.

Children's Rights

Realising children's rights makes the lives of all Tasmanians better over time.

Why do we need a child rights-based approach?



Children and young people need to be and feel safe. ^{1, 2}



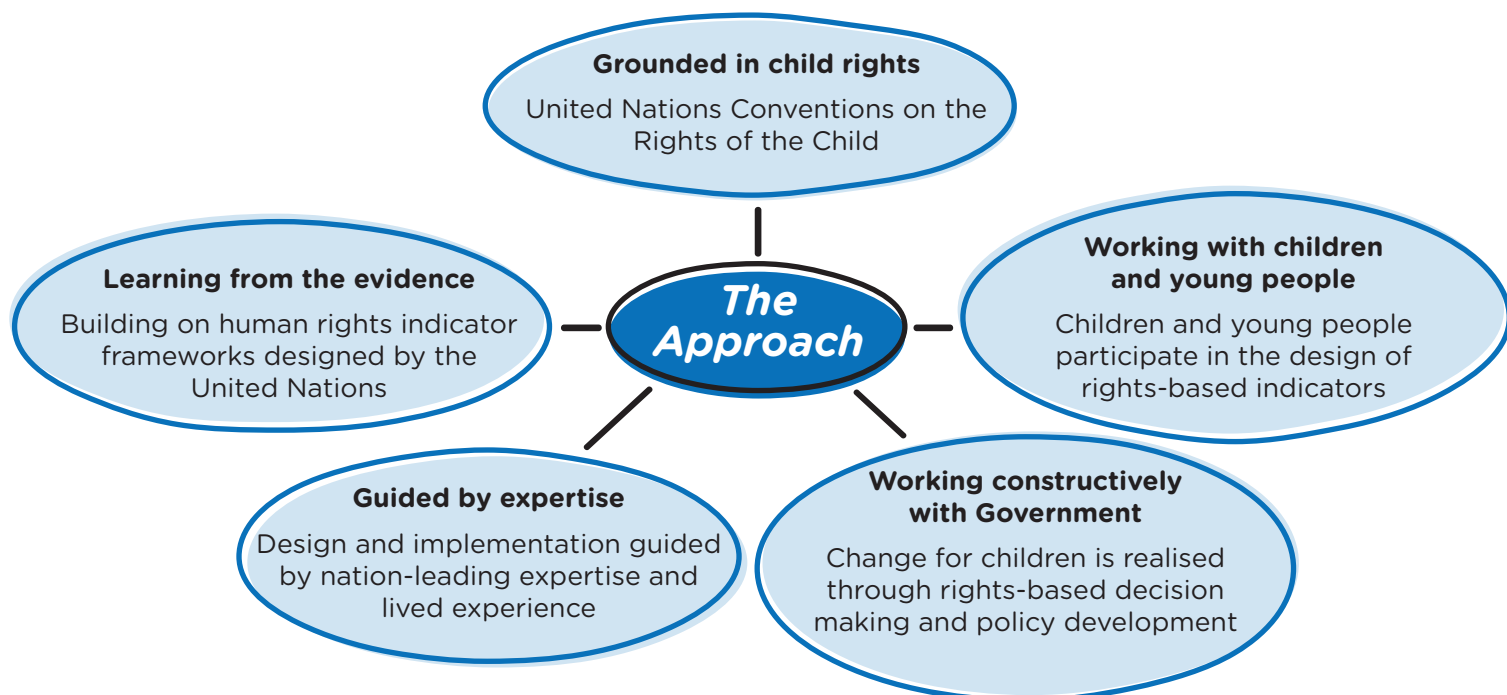
Children and young people in the Out-of-Home-Care and Youth Justice systems need to be looked after better. ^{1, 4, 5}



All children and young people need to thrive. ^{3, 6, 7}

What is a child rights-based approach to monitoring and evaluation?

Working with children and young people, and constructively with government, this approach makes rights real for children and young people in Tasmania through independent child-centred participation, and rights-based and data-driven advocacy.



Footnotes:

¹ Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings (Final Report, 2023). ² Moore & McArthur (2022) *Take Notice, believe us and act! Exploring the safety of children and young people in government run organisations*. Hobart: Tasmanian Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings. ³ Closing the Gap Annual Report: Tasmania (2021-2022).

⁴ Commissioner for Children and Young People (Tas) *A Place at the table: An investigation into a change to the case management of children and young people in care in Tasmania* (Final Report, December 2023). ⁵ Commissioner for Children and Young People (Tas) *Nowhere else to go: Young people's views on homelessness* (Report, 2024). ⁶ Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (Final Report, September 2023). ⁷ Australian Government: Department of Health, *National Action Plan for the Health of Children and Young People 2020-2030* (Report, 2019).

The Commissioner's monitoring program will change

Existing Program

Focus on monitoring OOHC system

New Program

Focus on children and young people's enjoyment of their rights generally

Part A: Regular Data Monitoring

Indicators based on the
Tasmanian Government
Wellbeing Domains



Indicator framework
based on the Convention
on the Rights of Child

Part B: Thematic monitoring

Annual monitoring
focused on a single
wellbeing domain



Investigation of
key issues

Part C: Systemic Investigations

Investigation of
key issues



Review and support
accountability on
recommendations

Part D: Recommendation Monitoring

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What are the key characteristics of the new program?

- **Child-centred:** this means an improved understanding of the lived-experience of children and young people in Tasmania
- **Rights-based:** this means greater insights about how Government decision-making affects children's enjoyment of their rights without discrimination
- **Data-driven:** this means stronger evidence to support rights-based decision-making to make the lives of children and young people better

The new CCYP Monitoring and Evaluation Program will support Tasmania to become more child-centred, rights-based and data-driven, leading to better services, policies and outcomes for children and young people in Tasmania

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