| Agency | Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities | Work unit | Various |
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| Job title | Senior Child Protection Practitioner | Designation | Professional Level 2  |
| Job type | Full time | Duration | Ongoing / Fixed period |
| Salary | Various | Location | Various |
| Position number |  | RTF |  262888 | Closing |  |
| Contact Officer |  TFHC.GDRRecruitment@nt.gov.au or 08 8944 8743 or +61 8 89448743  |
| About the agency  | <https://tfhc.nt.gov.au> |
| Information for applicants – inclusion and diversity and Special Measures recruitment plansThe NTPS values diversity. The NTPS encourages people from all diversity groups to apply for vacancies and accommodates people with disability by making reasonable workplace adjustments. If you require an adjustment for the recruitment process or job, please discuss this with the contact officer. For more information about applying for this position and the merit process, go to the [OCPE website](https://ocpe.nt.gov.au/employment-conditions-appeals-grievances/applying-for-and-filling-jobs/information-for-applicants).Under the agency’s Special Measures recruitment plan eligible Aboriginal applicants will be granted priority consideration for this vacancy.  |

# Primary objective

Provide statutory and non-statutory welfare services to individuals, groups and communities under Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities Programs

**Key duties and responsibilities**

1. Responsible for the delivery of case work and case management services to clients, including the management of more complex cases requiring liaison with other Agency and non-Government Organisations.
2. Maintain a high level of services to clients through the provision of professional expertise and demonstrated best practice in the delivery of statutory welfare services.
3. Undertake statutory responsibilities and exercise delegations under the Care and Protection of Children Act in accordance with departmental policies and procedures.
4. Provide support, training and education to staff on program and practice issues to enhance their skills, knowledge and understanding of programs.
5. Ensure the availability of reliable data through the accurate and timely recording of information on the Territory Families client information and case management systems.
6. Participate in the After Hours Service.

**Essential Selection Criteria:**

1. A degree of an Australian tertiary institution, which gives eligibility for membership of the Australian Community Workers Association, the Australian Association of Social Workers, or the Australian Psychological Society, or equivalent **OR** Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention **AND** Vocational Graduate Certificate in Community Service Practice (Statutory Child Protection) **OR** Graduate Certificate in Safe Communities (Child Protection).
2. Extensive experience commensurate with the duties of the position, including highly developed professional skills in conducting strength based assessments, developing and delivering effective interventions, and a demonstrated capacity to apply best practice principles.
3. Significant experience working within a legislative framework and a demonstrated ability to interpret and apply complex legislation.
4. Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary team setting.
5. Highly developed oral and written communication skills, including developing and delivering formal and informal training for staff and the preparation of court reports.
6. Demonstrated ability to interact effectively with people from diverse cultures, including a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture, family and community structures.
7. High level organisational skills including the ability to work independently manage time effectively and contribute to the professional development and learning needs of colleagues.
8. Demonstrated skills in the use of computers and an ability and willingness to undertake training in the program’s computer based data entry system.
9. Preparedness to travel in 4WD vehicles and light planes as required and the ability to undertake travel including overnight stay.

**Desirable:**

1. In the order of up to five years relevant experience that includes at least six months experience of child protection work and at least six months experience of working with children in care.
2. Current Northern Territory driver’s licence or the ability to obtain.

**Further information:**

The recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children Clearance notice and undergo a criminal history check (a criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history).

**Approved:** October 2022 Julieanne Davies Executive Director