

Job description

Agency	Department of Children and Families	Work unit	Regional Services Top End and Arnhem
Job title	Carers Services Practitioner	Designation	Professional 1
Job type	Full time	Duration	Ongoing
Salary	\$78,668 - \$90,331	Location	Darwin, Nhulunbuy
Position number	13282	RTF	348061
		Closing	16/06/2026
Contact officer	Recruitment Officer on 08 8922 7268 or DCF.TopEndRecruitment@nt.gov.au		
About the agency	https://families.nt.gov.au/		
Apply online	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/JobDetails?rtfld=348061		

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Primary objective

Assessment of foster and relative carers and other Out of Home Care services to achieve quality placement and service outcomes for clients in accordance with legislative and policy guidelines.

Key duties and responsibilities

1. Responsible for the delivery of quality placements to Out Of Home Care clients, including the management of recruitment and assessment of new carers requiring liaison with other departments and non-government organisations.
2. Maintain a high level of service to foster carers 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. Ensure the registration of carers adheres to legislative framework and departmental policies.

Selection criteria

Essential

1. A degree of an Australian tertiary institution, which gives eligibility for membership of Community Work Australia, 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 Services Practice (Statutory Child Protection) OR Graduate Certificate in Safe Communities (Child Protection).
2. An ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines in an environment of competing priorities.
3. An ability to work within a legislative framework and to interpret and apply legislation in relation to child protection and adoptions assessments.
4. Demonstrated skills in the assessment of family, interpersonal, and community dynamics including the ability to conceptualise and analyse information in the assessment of potential foster carers.
5. A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle.
6. Highly developed oral and written communication skills and an ability to interact effectively with people from diverse cultures.
7. Current NT driver's licence.
8. Preparedness to travel in 4WD vehicles and light planes as required and ability to undertake travel including overnight stays as necessary.

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). Applicants to include a certified copy of their qualifications with their application.
- Position includes travel to other areas of the Northern Territory for multiple nights within the working week

Approved: May 2026

Larrissa Donaldson, A/Executive Director, Regional Services Top End

Job description

Agency	Department of Children and Families	Work unit	Regional Services Top End and Arnhem
Job title	Carer Services Practitioner	Designation	Professional 2
Job type	Full time	Duration	Ongoing
Salary	\$92,910 - \$103,137	Location	Darwin, Nhulunbuy
Position number	13282	RTF	348061
		Closing	16/06/2026
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3. Undertake statutory responsibilities and exercise delegations under the Care and Protection of Children Act in accordance with departmental policies and procedures.
4. Ensure the registration of carers adheres to legislative framework and departmental policies.
5. Provide support, training, education, and supervision to staff on program and practice issues to enhance their skills, knowledge and understanding of the Out of Home Care program.

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2. Highly developed organisational, negotiation and conflict management skills with demonstrated ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines in an environment of competing priorities.
3. Demonstrated skills in the assessment of family, interpersonal, and community dynamics including the ability to conceptualise and analyse information in the assessment of potential foster carers.
4. Highly developed oral and written communication skills and an ability to interact effectively with people from diverse cultures.
5. Demonstrated ability to manage a high workload and to work independently with minimum supervision.
6. Proven experience working in a legislative framework and a demonstrated ability to interpret and apply complex legislation in relation to child protection and adoptions.
7. A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle.
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