



# 2022 priorities and focus areas

## Specific projects

### Listening to children and young people

Undertake a listening tour across WA to meet with diverse children and young people, adults and organisations who support them, and listen to their views and identify areas for celebration or for action and advocacy.

### 15 years of the office of the Commissioner

Recognise and celebrate this important milestone.

Review the work of the office since its inception, including resources, reports and recommendations with the aim to acknowledge the positive impact to date and to consolidate and improve areas of work or functions that could be strengthened.

### Speaking Out Survey 2021

Continue the extension project to reach students outside of mainstream schooling, including

- children and young people with disability
- Aboriginal students in remote areas
- home-educated students.

### Girls' wellbeing project

In response to the gender wellbeing gap highlighted in the Speaking Out Survey 2019 and 2021 establish

- advisory committees
- a Young Aboriginal Researchers project in Kalgoorlie
- additional consultations and publications.

## Ongoing work and advocacy

### Aboriginal children and young people

Work collaboratively with government agencies and other stakeholders to address the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in child protection and justice services.

## **Raise the age**

Continue to advocate for raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, and work with justice agencies to identify effective diversionary practices and alternative approaches.

## **Child Safe Organisations WA: capacity building**

Continue to promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, the resources of the office and provide advice to agencies on implementing the national principles.

Based on the findings of the 2021 Complaints Monitoring process and report, continue to support government agencies to develop child friendly complaints mechanisms consistent with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.