

Revisiting the ACT Children's Plan

The *ACT Children's Plan* was launched by the Stanhope Government in 2004 to provide clear direction and vision for the delivery and coordination of children's services across the government, non-government and community sectors to 2014. The plan was developed to help children reach their full potential, because all children need to be protected and nurtured.

Over the next couple of months we are undertaking a process to revisit and refresh the *ACT Children's Plan* that is currently at its halfway point between its launch and its expiry (2004-2014). We will be engaging in discussions with children, families and workers with children to canvass their views and ideas on how to make Canberra a more child friendly city.

This 'revisiting' of *ACT Children's Plan* is occurring at the same time as the development of a new *ACT Young People's Plan* so by the end of 2009, we intend to launch two complementary plans that promote a child / youth friendly city and that assist children with the transition from childhood into being a young person in the ACT.

Have your Say

To do this, we need to hear from children, their families and workers with children about what would make Canberra a more child friendly city, to inform future work of government. We will be doing this by inviting children to draw pictures and answer some questions about what it means for them to be a child in Canberra. We are also asking parents, community members and people who work with children to assist with this process.

Throughout July and August this year, professionals who work with children will hold workshops with children and families at their services, in schools, playgroups, child and family centres – wherever children and families are gathered. To find out how you might get involved in this process email your interest to children@act.gov.au.

Alternatively you can download the following documents from the *ACT Children's Plan* website and distribute them to children and families with whom you work. If you require multiple copies please email children@act.gov.au.

Send your written and pictorial responses to the questions for children and adults by **Friday 4 September 2009** to:

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