

# Community Services Sector Information Snapshot

Are you new to working with children and families in Alice Springs? It can feel like a maze getting started. This sheet is a snapshot of information to help you learn where you can go to learn more and discover what avenues/resources are available to you. We hope this supports you to find your feet in your role.

## Networks Operating in Town – please note this list is not exhaustive

Network Name	What is it about	When do they meet	How to get involved/find out more
Coalition Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault Network (CAFVSAN)	The CAFVSAN network provides a forum for discussion of issues, sharing of information and advocacy in relation to domestic, family violence and sexual assault. The Alice Springs Women's Shelter acts as the CAFVSAN secretariat.	First Monday of the month 2pm – 4pm.	Contact Tully McIntyre on 0439271503 <a href="mailto:tully.mcintyre@asws.org.au">tully.mcintyre@asws.org.au</a>
Family Law Pathways Network (FLPN)	The FLPN is an initiative of the Attorney-General's Department, established to support service providers and professionals working with separating and separated families. FLPN aims to support professionals to work collaboratively, to build strong working relationships and improve overall assistance to families experiencing separation. This is achieved through the provision of information on services, promotion of cross sector awareness, development and distribution of resources and coordination of multi-disciplinary training and events for professionals.	Bi Monthly for FLPN Members meeting and Community Legal Education Sessions 3 times a year. For details see website: <a href="https://www.alicesprings.familylaw.org.au/events/category/flpn-members-meetings/">https://www.alicesprings.familylaw.org.au/events/category/flpn-members-meetings/</a>	Contact Stephanie Milosavljevic on 08 8950 4100
Mental Health Interagency Meeting	Meetings include Mental Health organisations and/or organisations that work with people experiencing mental health issues. Organisations get together to share information, discuss issues and listen to guest presenters.	Bi Monthly, first Thursday of the month.	Contact Meredith or Barb at MHACA on 08 8950 4600.
Alice Springs Networking Group	Broad networking group with a focus on improving outcomes for families and children Pre-birth to 12. Agenda and f/u action is directed by group members. Membership is fluid and conversations are responsive to members. Facilitated by Communities for Children and Strong Kids Strong Centre.	Quarterly 1. April 2. July 3. September 4. November	Contact 08 8551 8002 or <a href="mailto:ifleming@anglicare-nt.org.au">ifleming@anglicare-nt.org.au</a>
Alice Springs Interagency Meeting - NTCOSS	The Alice Springs Interagency meeting is open to all community and services agencies, government agencies, NGOs. It is an opportunity for information sharing, networking, gathering ideas and sharing your vision with others. Each meeting runs for approximately two hours with brief (10-15 minutes) presentations from up to three organisations/services, as well as time for questions and open floor discussions.	Quarterly  Mid-February Mid-May Mid-August Mid-November	Contact Tessa at NTCOSS <a href="mailto:tessa@ntcoss.org.au">tessa@ntcoss.org.au</a>
Parenting Group Meetings	Meetings between organisations who are involved in providing parenting courses/support services and relationship education courses. Opportunity to discuss what courses/ services organisations are providing, networking, collaboration and identifying responses to areas of client needs.	Twice a year, February and June.	Contact Stephanie Milosavljevic on 08 8950 4100
Youth Services Alice Springs (YSAS)	YSAS is a youth sector information sharing network; open to anyone with an interest in youth affairs and having a contribution to make to the collective knowledge of the sector	9:30am, 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of each month (except January), Andy McNeil Room, ASTC	Come along to be put on the email contact list
Central Australian Youth Justice (CAYJ)	NGO Youth Sector Advocacy Network in relation to Youth Justice Issues	Chaired by NAAJA Youth Justice Advocacy Project - meets monthly	<a href="mailto:ascholtes@anglicare-nt.org.au">ascholtes@anglicare-nt.org.au</a>
Life Promotion Network	Looking at suicide prevention strategies and post suicide response	Chaired by MHACA Monthly meetings	<a href="mailto:Erin.Turner@mhaca.org.au">Erin.Turner@mhaca.org.au</a>

## Directories

- Alice Springs Community Services Directory (Communities for Children) - <https://www.anglicare-nt.org.au/service/communities-for-children/>
- Alice Springs Town Council Directory - <http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/living/community/directory>
- Family Law Pathways Network Service Directory - <https://www.alicesprings.familylaw.org.au/service-directory/>
- NTCOSS Directory of Social Service Community Organisations in the NT - <https://ntcross.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Directory-Hard-Copy-1.pdf>
- ShelterMe A Directory of Services for Homeless Territorians - <http://www.shelterme.org.au/>
- Community directories state and nation wide - <https://ntcross.org.au/sector-development/community-directories/>

## NT Government

- Alice Springs Hospital - <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/hospitals-health-services/alice-springs-hospital>
- Department of the Attorney-General and Justice - <https://justice.nt.gov.au/>
- Department of Education - <https://education.nt.gov.au/>
- Department of Health - <https://health.nt.gov.au/>
- NT Children's Commissioner - <https://occ.nt.gov.au/>
- NT Legal Aid Commission - <https://www.legalaid.nt.gov.au/>
- Territory Families - <https://territoryfamilies.nt.gov.au/>

## Larger Service Providers in Alice

- Anglicare NT - <https://www.anglicare-nt.org.au/>
- Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Services - <http://asyass.org.au/>
- Catholic Care <http://www.catholicarent.org.au/locations/alice-springs>
- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress - <https://www.caac.org.au/>
- Central Land Council - <https://www.clc.org.au/>
- Flynn Drive Community Health Centre – (08) 8951 6711
- Life Without Barriers - <http://www.lwb.org.au/>
- Lutheran Community Care <https://www.lccare.org.au/find-help/alice-springs-services/>
- MHACA <https://mhaca.org.au/>
- Mission Australia – <https://www.missionaustralia.com.au>
- Relationships Australia - <https://www.relationships.org.au/>
- Salvation Army - <https://www.my.salvationarmy.org.au>
- Tangentyere Council - <https://www.tangentyere.org.au/>

## Alice Springs/NT Specific

- Alice Springs Town Council - <http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/>
- Territory FACES: Confidential Phone Support for Territory Families and Children **1800 999 900**
- Northern Territory Council of Social Services - <https://ntcross.org.au/>

## General Websites/Resources

- Australian Childhood Foundation - <https://www.childhood.org.au/>
- Be You mental health and wellbeing from the early years <https://beyou.edu.au/>
- Child Family Community Australia - <https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/>
- Emerging Minds: National Workforce Centre for Child Mental health <https://emergingminds.com.au/>
- Family Law Pathways Network - <https://www.alicesprings.familylaw.org.au/>
- Parentline – <https://www.parentline.com.au>
- Raising Children Network (The Australian Parenting Website) - <http://raisingchildren.net.au/>
- 1800 RESPECT-national sexual assault, domestic violence counselling - <https://www.1800respect.org.au/>