

Working with DCJ Psychological and Specialist Services

CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY



Make a lasting impact.

Who we are

Psychological and Specialist Services (Child Protection and Permanency) is an integral part of the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). We strive to improve outcomes for children and young people connected to child protection and out-of-home care systems. We provide evidence-based, trauma-informed assessments and interventions to support the wellbeing, functioning and stability of children and young people. We also guide casework practice through consultation and training, and provide specialised training and support to carers. Whether you're an experienced clinician, provisional psychologist, registrar or student, your work with us will make a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of vulnerable children, young people and families.

Our structure

District and Intensive Psychological Services teams - teams across the state provide assessment, intervention, consultation and training to children and young people, families, carers and caseworkers.

LINKS Trauma Healing Service - a multidisciplinary trauma service located in select areas across NSW, supporting placement stability and positive outcomes for kids in out-of-home care.

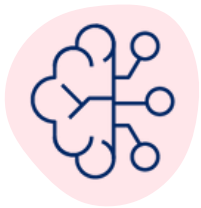
Strategy and Projects - a specialist team delivering service insights and projects across the state, including targeted training and resources for carers and professionals.

Why work with us?



Take on a meaningful, challenging role - you'll play a crucial role in supporting the emotional well-being of children and young people, and help them navigate the challenges of trauma, loss and placement transitions.

Join a collaborative team - our psychologists work within supportive teams to deliver the highest quality therapeutic support.



Professional development opportunities - you will receive supervision and a range of continuing professional development (CPD) opportunities, including ongoing training and an annual conference.

Flexible working arrangements - we offer a hybrid working model, with days in the office (or on site) and at home, flex leave, and flexible work hours.



Make a lasting impact - your skills and expertise can help kids navigate trauma, build resilience, and empower children and young people by giving them the tools they need to thrive now, and into the future.

Your career

We provide opportunities for psychologists of all levels, registrars and students.

Psychological and Specialist Services offers a range of CPD opportunities including training and an exciting annual conference. We provide clinical supervision to all staff, and offer supportive peer supervision arrangements.



Provisional Psychologist Program

The DCJ Provisional Psychologist Program provides supervision, skill building opportunities and support to achieve full registration as per AHPRA requirements. We provide opportunities to meet core competencies and case study requirements, and build knowledge for the National Psychology Exam.

Registrar Program

The DCJ Registrar Program offers specialist supervision, providing opportunities for staff to meet specialist endorsement requirements with AHPRA. We provide resources, ongoing opportunities for training and group supervision to support professional development.

Student placements

We offer rich placement experiences for Master of Professional Practice, Forensic Psychology and Clinical Psychology students.

Our staff say...

I have the opportunity to affect real change in keeping children safe, as well as building safer and stronger communities.

I can draw on personal and professional skills including critical thinking, developing creative solutions, collaborating with diverse populations and helping clients achieve their therapeutic goals.

I provide meaningful support to my district, and undertake great clinical practice that changes the trajectory of young people's lives.

My role is varied, challenging, and incredibly rewarding. I have the opportunity to be playful, fun and creative, and to see the world through the eyes of a child.

You can also **watch our staff** talk about their roles, and **read more** about your next career move! For more information, email psychologicalandspecialistservices@dcj.nsw.gov.au

Ready to make a lasting impact?

If you're passionate about improving outcomes for vulnerable children and families, we want to hear from you!

