

# A FAIRER CANBERRA

## A SUPPORTIVE, CONNECTED AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in community services and social housing, assisting children, young people and families at risk, supporting women, people with disabilities, those from culturally diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and older persons.

### The 2012-13 Budget will deliver or achieve:

#### Disability and Therapy Services

- › 500 accommodation support places
- › 1,000 people accessing community support
- › 8,100 nights of respite care
- › 66,500 hours of therapy services

#### Early Intervention

- › 550 group sessions through the Child and Family Centre Program
- › 1,720 families accessing services
- › 504 visits to licensed education and care services

#### Community Services and Affairs

- › 80% satisfaction with the management of community facilities
- › 370 groups participate in the Multicultural Festival

#### Youth Services

- › 116 young people receive targeted intervention services

#### Care and Protection Services

- › 580 children and young people in the care of the Director-General
- › 70% of children exiting care experience no more than two placements in care

#### Housing

- › 96% of allocations for public housing will be to tenants in the priority and high needs categories
- › 91% of public housing tenants assisted to live in affordable housing and sustain their tenancy through receipt of a rental subsidy

### New Expenditure Initiatives

#### The 2012-13 Budget includes:

**\$0.5  
MILLION**

over three years for a Community Visitor Scheme which will provide an independent and informal service for identifying and addressing the concerns of people with disabilities;

**\$1.6  
MILLION**

over two years for the further implementation of reforms under the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care;

**\$1.0  
MILLION**

over two years to support therapy in schools for students with disabilities;

**\$0.3  
MILLION**

for job ready training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at risk and those studying for a Certificate in Children's Services;

**\$1.4  
MILLION**

over three years for the implementation of the Equal Remuneration Case outcomes and related community sector reforms;

**\$0.7  
MILLION**

over four years to expand the No Interest Loan Scheme, which assists people experiencing financial hardship;

**\$0.6  
MILLION**

over four years to support the ACT Ombudsman and to implement the Integrity Package to improve the external accountability of government services; and

**\$0.2  
MILLION**

over three years to support Vietnam Veterans and the Veterans Federation ACT Inc.



# NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A SUPPORTIVE, CONNECTED AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

The 2012-13 Budget invests in early learning and care centres, community facilities and hubs, homes for people with disabilities and public housing.

## New Capital Initiatives

- › \$2.5 million to upgrade community facilities and childcare centres.
- › \$0.6 million for design work on a community hub at Woden/Weston Creek.
- › \$1.2 million for Stage 2 of the Flynn Regional Community Hub.
- › \$0.7 million for design options for a new Canberra Seniors Club.
- › \$2.9 million for purpose built, dual occupancy properties allowing people with complex disabilities to access appropriate care and accommodation support and maintain their independence.
- › \$5.0 million to increase social housing dwellings across the city.
- › \$1.5 million to improve the safety and security of older Canberrans living in public housing.

## Supporting Children and Young People at Risk

The Government continues to invest in improving the care and protection of children and young people and address the needs of those at risk of entering the justice system or in Bimberi Youth Justice Centre.

- › The care and protection needs of an increasing number of children and young people in out of home care, including those in residential, kinship and foster care are addressed – \$15.4 million.
- › Additional frontline care and protection staff will be employed and retained to better support children and young people at risk of child abuse and neglect – \$5.3 million.
- › Care and Protection services are being strengthened through professional and system development and practice improvements to better support children and young people in the Territory's care – \$0.6 million.
- › Additional staffing is provided to support youth justice services, including at the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre, and for specialist, therapeutic services for young people who are at risk of entering the justice system and those who have already entered – \$5.5 million.