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● Background

The Northern Territory Prevention Alliance (NTPA) was formed in 2019, and has now been remodelled to maximise opportunities for Territory-wide action. It is made up of executive level representatives from key agencies with responsibilities across the Northern Territory for the provision of primary prevention, safety and wellbeing services to communities, families, children and young people. The Alliance provides a means of engaging government, corporate and non-government sectors in promoting the value of wellbeing and the prevention of child abuse and neglect in a consistent and effective way to the broader community.

● Purpose

The Alliance provides a means for agencies to work together using the collective knowledge and resources of member agencies. It aims to build on strengths, find and fill gaps and choose the right people for the right tasks - through focusing on the following five anchors.

1. Agree on and use a common language framework for primary prevention and wellbeing in the Northern Territory
2. Engage the public in a targeted conversation around wellbeing and prevention and profile raising on what the community can do to make a difference
3. Engage Clubs, Local Government Associations and Corporate Partners on wellbeing initiatives and promotion of activities that can make an impact in communities
4. Leverage and collaborate with work that has been undertaken in the Northern Territory and Australia in this area. Enhance (and not duplicate) other initiatives that are complementary to this agenda
5. Advocate with the Northern Territory Government on initiatives, policy positions and resources to support a wellbeing and primary prevention agenda in the NT.

● Core focus areas

The following themes have been identified as priorities:

1. Adopting a true primary prevention focus - defining what it looks like
2. Avoiding duplication of services/initiatives - being mindful not to replicate through creating a combined strategy by mapping collective strengths
3. Moving beyond safety - looking further towards overall wellbeing for children, families and communities
4. Valuing and amplifying the voices of children and young people

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5. Developing and promoting the benefits of a common 'prevention' language
6. Community campaigns - getting public messaging/awareness right
7. Integrating with established community approaches - formal and informal approaches
8. Broadening the scope of work - importance of corporate engagement
9. Focus on effective community communication and engagement strategies - real stories help real engagement
10. Valuing diversity and inclusivity - Importance of culturally inclusive processes
11. Being realistic about scale and cost
12. Challenging each other and building together
13. Child Rights focus - children's rights always the backbone to all approaches
14. Where does the Alliance have value across the continuum?
15. Clarity of overall purpose - all children are safe, thriving, valued and with opportunities.

Founding members and membership

The following agencies attended the first 2021 meeting of this alliance.

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APONT)
Australian Drug Foundation (ADF)
Department of Social Services
Early Childhood Australia
Families as First Teachers
Menzies School of Health Research
NAPCAN

NT Office of the Children's Commissioner
NT Primary Health Network (NTPHN)
Playgroup NT
Sport Integrity NT
Territory Families, Housing and Communities
University of Sydney
Yourtown

CEO/Agency lead level representatives for the Northern Territory will attend NTPA meetings. Delegates are only to attend where the delegate has decision-making authority on behalf of the named member (e.g. Executive Lead level).

Members commit to attending all three meetings per annum and actively engaging in actions outside of meetings.

NTPA secretariat will provide reasonable time frames for responses to actions/requests. In the interests of time, however, where individual agencies do not respond in the timeframe allocated and do not provide requests for additional time, decisions will be made on the basis of collective responses.

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Representation

NTPA is a collective alliance and all correspondence or decisions will be considered and supported by members prior to distribution. For clarity, individual agencies are not to provide commentary on behalf of the NTPA prior to discussing this with the members of the collective.

Secretariat/Chair/member functions

NAPCAN has provided initial resources to establish chair functions, graphic design and ongoing catering/resources for these events. Opportunity will exist in future meetings to explore NTPA Members sharing the responsibility for logistics, catering and other activities of the NTPA.

Chair functions:

- Chair the meetings to ensure the agenda is managed
- Manage contributions to ensure all members have opportunity to contribute

Secretariat functions:

- Calendar invitations/date claimers
- Drafting meeting agenda
- Minutes/actions for meetings
- Contact point for correspondence and records

Member functions

Members will:

- Attend all three meetings per annum
- Where CEO/Agency lead is unable to attend members will send an executive/lead proxy with decision making authority to the meeting
- Provide feedback on the meetings to their respective agency/staff and other sector partners as appropriate
- Assist with logistics including venue, catering across agencies
- Represent the NTPA in a positive way in all discussions
- Raise any concerns with NTPA members in a respectful manner
- Ensure all members get an opportunity to contribute
- Share resources where possible to avoid duplication



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Membership

Future nominations for membership will be managed in the following way:

1. New membership requests are to be addressed to the secretariat of the NTPA and these will be considered by foundation members. Application for membership should be addressed in writing and outline:
 - Name of agency
 - Support for nomination to NTPA by 1 founding member agency
 - Nature of activities of the agency
 - How agency has core focus on/interest in primary prevention
 - What the agency can bring to the NTPA
 - Commitment to CEO or Senior Executive lead attending all meetings (no delegation/proxy below this level will be supported)
2. Membership requests can be considered out of session of NTPA meetings via email.

Meeting Dates 2021/22

Proposed meeting date for 2021 is as follows:

- Thursday 28 October 2021

Proposed meeting dates for 2022 (x 3 events per annum) are as follows:

- Thursday 3 February 2022
- Thursday 5 May 2022
- Thursday 1 September 2022

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