

Department of Communities and Justice (DJC)

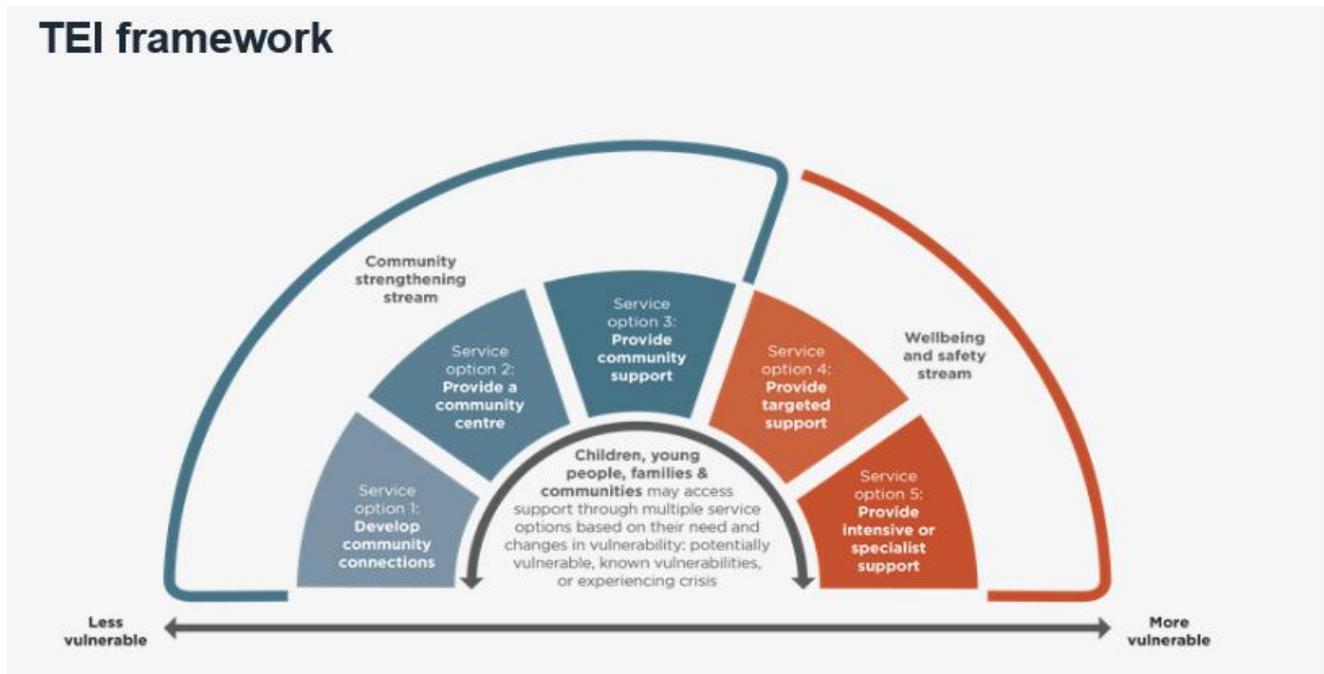
The new Department of Communities and Justice commenced from 1 July 2019. This new Department brings together the former Departments of Family and Community Services (FACS) and Justice.

This new Department will enable services to better work together to support everyone's right to access justice and other help for families, and promote early intervention and inclusion, with benefits for the whole community.

The Department of Communities and Justice is the lead agency in the new Stronger Communities Cluster. Stronger Communities brings all government services targeted at achieving safe, just, inclusive and resilient communities under one roof. The new cluster provides for the first time the opportunity to focus on prevention and early intervention into the social welfare system within the entire law and order system. This will support and drive major change in the culture on how NSW looks after its most vulnerable people.

Targeted Early Intervention (TEI)

The Commissioning and Planning team are continuing to work with our funded service providers to map their current service delivery to the service options and flexible activities under the TEI program area.



Data Exchange (DEX)

DJC and the Department of Social Services are working together to configure the DEX program for TEI. The DEX will allow for information sharing between funding agencies and service providers. It will capture information for the clients you work with, which in turn will help shape future changes to TEI. It's important that your information is captured, so we can collectively continue to improve service delivery for children, young people and families.

Almost all of our service providers have taken the opportunity to undertake the TEI mapping exercise, attend training sessions and register their AUSKEY ready to start reporting using DEX. Please see more information on DEX here: <https://dex.dss.gov.au/>

As soon as we have further information to share with providers, your CPO will be in contact with you.

The 2019 NSW Grandparents Day photography competition is up and running!

The 2019 NSW Grandparents Day Photo Competition aims to foster relationships between younger and older generations by creating and capturing special moments together. This is a great way to celebrate and recognise grandparents, grand-friends and kin across the state for their contributions to our lives and our communities.

Entries for the 2019 NSW Grandparents Day Photo Competition are now being accepted. All entries are to be uploaded to smartygrants via the following link: <https://nswcommunities.smartygrants.com.au/GPPC19>

Entries close midnight of Sunday 15 September 2019. If you have any issues or questions, please email events@facs.nsw.gov.au

Please ensure you have parental consent for applicants under the age of 18.

2020 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program closing soon

Applications to the 2020 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program close at 2pm on Friday 9 August 2019.

The Grants program funds not-for-profit organisations to run local festival, events and activities that encourage people over 60 to remain active, healthy, engaged and contributing to their local communities.

Three funding categories are available to distribute \$200,000 across the state:

- Category 1: Up to \$1,000 for small-scale local community events and activities
- Category 2: \$1,001 – \$5,000 for larger local community events and activities
- Category 3: \$5,001 - \$10,000 for large scale community and regional events and activities.

Applications must be submitted online via SmartyGrants.

In 2020 the NSW Seniors Festival will run from Wednesday 12 February to Sunday 23 February.

For more information about the Grants program please email NSWSeniorsFestival@facs.nsw.gov.au