



Joint investigation response team caseworkers

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Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) caseworkers form part of a team made up of DoCS, NSW Police and NSW Health professionals.

Together professionals from these agencies provide assessment, protective, criminal investigation and prosecution services.

Joint investigation occurs when there is a possibility a child may be suffering criminal levels of abuse.

A JIRT caseworker's job involves:

- Assessing incidents of abuse and neglect where there is a high risk to a child's safety or of criminality
- Using information available to assess risk factors and determine whether a child needs to be taken into care
- Making referrals for children and families to NSW Health services
- Conducting audio/ video recorded interviews with children surrounding allegations of sexual assault, serious physical abuse or neglect in a safe and sensitive manner
- Developing interview and pre-assessment plans
- Liaising with legal representatives
- Preparing court documents
- Testifying in court

Essential skills:

- Analysing and problem solving
- Planning and organising
- Relationship building
- Working with children and young adults

Qualifications needed

- A degree in social work, social science, welfare or a related discipline
- Aboriginal applicants do not need a qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued

Relevant Experience

- Significant caseworker experience within DoCS, or relevant experience in a similar social work position outside the Department

