

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACT 1999
APPOINTMENT OF FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE FACILITATOR
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The ACT Children and Young People Act 1999 commenced operation on 10 May 2000. Section 166 of the Act provides for the appointment of people as facilitators for the purposes of conducting family group conferences under the Act.

Family group conferencing is introduced to facilitate agreement amongst families about the alternate ways they can continue to care for children and young people in their midst.

In making an appointment it is recognised that the facilitator will act as a neutral catalyst for progressing the conferencing process, and not as representative of the chief executive at the conference.