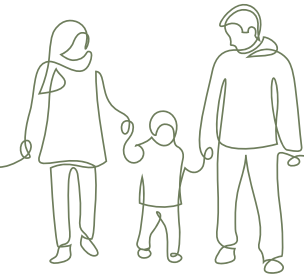


Legal Assistance for Families: Partnership Agreement (LAFPA)



Schedule 2 – Key referral points



Stage 1: Initial engagement with the family

Risk of significant harm report received. Family is screened and it is determined the Department of Communities and Justice will have contact. There are opportunities now to refer families to the early intervention pathway where they are asked to:

- agree to a family action plan/there is a safety plan
- engage with services
- make informal care arrangements
- be part of a temporary care arrangement (TCA), parent responsibility contract (PRC), parent capacity order (PCO) or alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

LAFPA objectives 2 and 4, schedules 1 and 5.



Stage 2: Commencing/ during proceedings

Where removal/children's court proceedings have commenced, follow the normal service processes and representation will be arranged by Legal Aid NSW and the Aboriginal Legal Service.

LAFPA objective 3, schedules 3 and 4.



Stage 3: Post proceedings

Refer using the early intervention pathway when issues arise about things like:

- contact
- cultural planning
- guardianship or adoption orders, and
- new siblings
- restoration (section 90) and self-placement.

LAPFA objectives 2 and 4, schedules 1 and 5.