



Counting kids

Against these challenges stand the significant gains to be made. The implementation of the Children's Services NMDS will fill a longstanding gap in data requirements, by providing the only source of nationally comparable data on children's services. It is anticipated that considerable efficiencies in data collection can be achieved by reducing existing duplication in current collections and inconsistent reporting. As a result, a major advance in understanding the provision and use of children's services will be achieved, allowing better policy development and planning.

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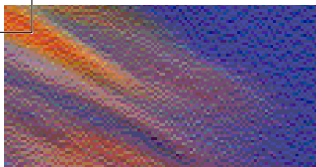
Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
DWG	Data Working Group
NMDS	National Minimum Data Set
NCSIMG	National Community Services Information Management Group
SCRGSP	Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision

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