

APPENDIX E

Main components of the new kinship care model

Figure E1 outlines the main components of DFFH's new kinship care model.

FIGURE E1: **Main components of DFFH's new kinship care model**

Component	Purpose
First Supports program	<p>Providing targeted support services for new statutory kinship placements, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a comprehensive assessment of placement needs if the placement is expected to last 12 weeks or longer• linking carers and children to support• up to 110 hours of family support services• flexible brokerage to keep placements stable
KETs	<p>44 staff across DFFH's 17 geographical areas within its 4 divisions (north, south, east and west) who are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• embedding the kinship care model in the division and coordinating with CSOs and ACCOs• undertaking kinship finding and other activities at the request of child protection practitioners• supporting children and carers, such as providing emotional support, referrals and obtaining documents• supporting placements at risk of breaking down with kinship placement support brokerage• administering kinship placement support brokerage to support and stabilise eligible existing placements at risk of breaking down• operating the kinship carer support line during business hours
Aboriginal Kinship Finding program	<p>Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are at risk of entering OOHC by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a statewide Aboriginal kinship finding service• reunification support, including intensive family services in 2 areas for reunifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with their parents
Case contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing a target for transferring an additional 300 cases (of non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) to CSOs to manage• Introducing other initiatives to contract cases to ACCOs
Brokerage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing payments for one-off purchases of specific items or services to support and stabilise kinship placements

Source: VAGO.