



Human Services
Community Services

IFBSBR002 IFBS Referral Types

Rationale:

There are three types of referrals that are eligible for IFBS.

Rule:

Crisis Intervention

IFBS is available for Aboriginal families whose children are at imminent risk of out-of-home care placement. This refers to families where significant changes need to occur to avoid children being placed in alternative care. The Aboriginal IFBS is available to families prior to the commencement of court proceedings for removal. Crisis interventions are usually carried out over 12 weeks. This timeframe can be extended depending on the needs of the family.

Restoration/reunification

Eligibility is restricted to those children/young people who would be unable to return home at this time without the involvement of the IFBS, and who have been in out-of-home care for a period exceeding three months, (only where 'restoration' is listed as a case plan goal). Restoration work is usually carried out over 16 weeks, to allow suitable lead-in time of four weeks for IFBS Caseworkers to work with the child's immediate family before the child returns to the family home.

Placement support

Placement support is provided to carers where an Aboriginal child or young person is in their care and the placement has become unstable. Placement support is conducted over a 12 week period. This time can be reduced or increased depending on the needs of the child and/or carers.