

Key Outcome Areas

The Commission's Strategic Plan identifies the following key outcome areas:

1. advocacy
2. monitoring laws, policies and practices
3. promoting evidence-based practice
4. safeguarding children and young people
5. excellence in leadership and management

Performance

Highlights – year at a glance

Activity	Key outcome area	Date
Awards		
The Commission's 2002-03 Annual Report earned an Award of Merit in the Queensland Public Sector Annual Report Awards	excellence in leadership and management	March 2004
Achievements		
200,000th Working with Children Check	safeguarding children and young people	March 2004
Organising 15th Congress of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, to be held in Brisbane in Sept 2004; Commissioner co-chairs Organising Committee and Principal Communications Advisor co-chairs the Youth Participation Sub-committee	promoting evidence-based practice	ongoing
Events		
<i>Focus on Fathering</i> – launched by Premier, Peter Beattie	promoting evidence-based practice	19 March 2004
Children's Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner appointed State Ambassador • Hosted launch at Underwater World, Sunshine Coast 	advocacy	October 2003
Child Protection Week	safeguarding children and young people	September 2003
Display at RNA Show	advocacy	August 2003
NAIDOC Week	advocacy	July 2003

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Resources		
Advocacy Training Workshop – participants' workbook and useful contacts folder published	promoting evidence-based practice and safeguarding children and young people	2003
Launch of the <i>Working with Children Kit</i> and training program – ongoing training throughout 2003-04	promoting evidence-based practice and safeguarding children and young people	July 2003
<i>The Wellbeing of Children and Young People in Queensland: A Snapshot 2003</i>	monitoring laws, policies and practices	April 2004
Sponsorship		
\$2,000 sponsorship of MEAA Media Awards for a new category 'best coverage of an issue which impacts on children and young people'	promoting evidence-based practice	October 2003
\$5,000 sponsorship provided to two young people from visitable sites and a Community Visitor to attend the 14th Australian Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect in Sydney	advocacy and promoting evidence-based practice	November 2003
Consultation/community engagement		
Consultation in conjunction with the Community Renewal program, Department of Housing, with community groups on Palm Island about providing services to children and young people on the island	advocacy, monitoring laws, policies and practices and safeguarding children and young people	March 2004
Participated in children's workshops during the Ideas at the Powerhouse Festival – 'Kids' Rights' and 'What's Fair?'	advocacy and promoting evidence-based practice	August 2003
Early Years Advisory Network met four times to provide expert advice to the Commissioner on the early years	monitoring laws, policies and practices	ongoing
Special projects		
Child Labour Review – discussion paper prepared	advocacy, monitoring laws, policies and practices and safeguarding children and young people	ongoing
Advocacy Training Workshops conducted in 12 centres throughout Queensland	advocacy, and safeguarding children and young people	ongoing
Participated in audit of foster carers led by Gwenn Murray	safeguarding children and young people	July – December 2003
Oversaw special review team established to deal with complaints following the CMC Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Foster Care	safeguarding children and young people	February 2004
Reviewed and investigated serious issues involving harm and practices within Department of Families in North Queensland	safeguarding children and young people	April 2004