

Recommendations

1. Expanding Community Legal Education: developing further resources and adapting to use the various forms of communication now available
 2. All government agencies ensure that community members have access to basic information essential to ensuring effective interaction with government systems and knowledge about relevant rights and responsibilities. Further that Government agencies are aware of relevant legal services and that they refer clients to appropriate legal services, when required
 3. Consider the feasibility of establishing a position within the justice system to improve community understanding of processes and outcomes in the criminal justice system
 4. Legal services consider the feasibility of recruiting social workers to work collaboratively across legal services in Tennant Creek
 5. Consider the feasibility of expanding Aboriginal CSO roles to work with legal and non-legal cultural safety and connection needs of Aboriginal clients
 6. Educating community members about the role of interpreters and more training for lawyers about why, how and when to use interpreters when working with Aboriginal clients
 7. Introduce strategies to improve the awareness and use of appropriate referral processes between legal services, government and community service providers
 8. Increased collaborative and strategic service delivery planning between the legal services through MOUs, regularised meetings and a shared calendar
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9. Consider potential to fill existing gaps in service provision, particularly remotely, through sharing of resources of legal services and other agencies
10. Establishing local level and/or NT-wide MOUs with government agencies, particularly those likely to be beneficial for addressing systemic legal/non-legal and service delivery issues
11. Establishing additional and strengthening existing Health Justice Partnerships with potential for HJP's in remote locations and consideration of creating legal health check processes
12. Consideration of establishing an Aboriginal liaison position shared across legal services, based in Tennant Creek and able to travel to communities; and further employing and upskilling remote community members to identify and respond to legal issues
13. Increased use of video-conferencing in remote communities to improve access to legal services, recognising the facilities would need to be in a location where confidentiality is assured
14. Consideration of 'justice partnerships' between legal and other services and NGOs in remote communities for the purpose of improving access to justice
15. Legal services provide collective input into the Barkly Regional Deal decision-making processes, both on legal need and on issues impacting on access to justice
16. Engagement and support of legal services with community capacity building and community-led and based solutions that might more directly work to improve access to justice