

Family Dispute Resolution Conferencing Suites open

By Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission



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The NT Legal Aid Commission officially opened the Family Dispute Resolution Conferencing suites on 15 August. The new suites are located on the ground floor of the NTLAC building at 9-11 Cavanagh St. The suites are purpose designed and built to provide a physical structure and environment which meets the needs of clients attending Family Law Conferences.

A Family Law Conference is a form of family dispute resolution which involves a meeting between the people in a dispute with the assistance of their lawyers. It aims to help people reach agreement without having to go to court.

It provides the opportunity to get independent legal advice and assistance from a family lawyer. Agreements reached at conferences are the decision of the parties, and are therefore more likely to be workable and sustainable.

The NT Legal Aid Commission provides qualified and skilled Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners who have been specifically trained to represent clients and chair conferences.

NT Legal Aid Commission has been coordinating and funding conferences for over two years now, with encouraging results. Follow up surveys have found that people attending conferences have a high level of satisfaction with the process and the outcome.



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