

# Guiding Principles

**For the common good**  
To commit to social justice and human rights for all people, always.

**Collaboration**  
To seek positive social change through collaboration, partnership and mutual respect. To work respectfully with others to achieve shared goals.

**Accountability**  
To place the mental health and wellbeing of all Territorians at the forefront of what we do.

**Cultural respect, responsiveness and security**  
To recognise and respect cultural identity, including cultural perspectives of mental health and wellbeing, the harmful impacts of colonisation and the right to self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Person-centred**  
To acknowledge that each person’s recovery journey is deeply personal and unique. To provide quality accredited services that are empowering, strengths-based and socially inclusive.

**Valuing of lived experience**  
To include the voice of people with lived experience in all the work that we do.

# NT Mental Health Coalition Members and Partners

The Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition is the peak body for community mental health and wellbeing.

We represent NT community managed mental health organisations.

We work in collaboration with a wide network of organisations, people with lived experience, their families and supporters across the Northern Territory.

We work at both a national and local level to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Territorians.

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**Strategic Plan**  
**2019-2024**  
The Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition is the peak body for community mental health and wellbeing.  
**Vision**  
That all Territorians have the opportunity for the best possible mental health and wellbeing.  
**Purpose**  
To be a strong voice for mental health and wellbeing in the Northern Territory.

# Strategic Plan 2019-2024

## Objective 1: Sustaining and building the organisation

- Further grow and diversify the Coalition's funding, in order to develop and benefit the community mental health sector.
- Grow the Coalition's membership, achieving strong representation of its core organisational constituency.
- Continue to develop the Board's capability, ensuring continuity through governance, knowledge and expertise to support the Coalition's strategic direction.
- Undertake CEO development and succession planning, in order to maintain progress and development of the organisation.

## Objective 4: Influencing others through advocacy, policy and program development

- Represent, contribute and advocate for policy and program development.
- Provide credible, evidence-based information and advice to government and its agencies that are representative of the Northern Territory's needs.
- Develop a sustainable response to strategic and emerging policy and program development opportunities for the NT.
- Expand the Coalition's advocacy and awareness activities.
- Ensure that the Coalition effectively represents the interests of the NT at a local and national level for mental health and suicide prevention.
- Build the evidence-base and promote community mental health and wellbeing services.

## Objective 2: Supporting our members and the community through sector development and awareness

- Support and develop a vibrant, responsive, innovative community mental health sector.
- Undertake mental health and suicide prevention awareness and promotion activities.
- Expand the range of services that the Coalition provides either directly or through partnership, ensuring alignment with our members and the needs of communities.
- Undertake continuous improvement processes to ensure the views of our members are represented.

## Objective 3: Working with others through collaboration, consultation and in partnership

- Facilitate mutually respectful, broad stakeholder input, consultation and collaboration.
- Continue to develop strategic partnerships and collaborations.
- Ensure the Coalition has a visible profile in the NT.
- Support an effective, coordinated response to mental health and suicide prevention in the NT.
- Support a strong voice for people with lived experience.



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