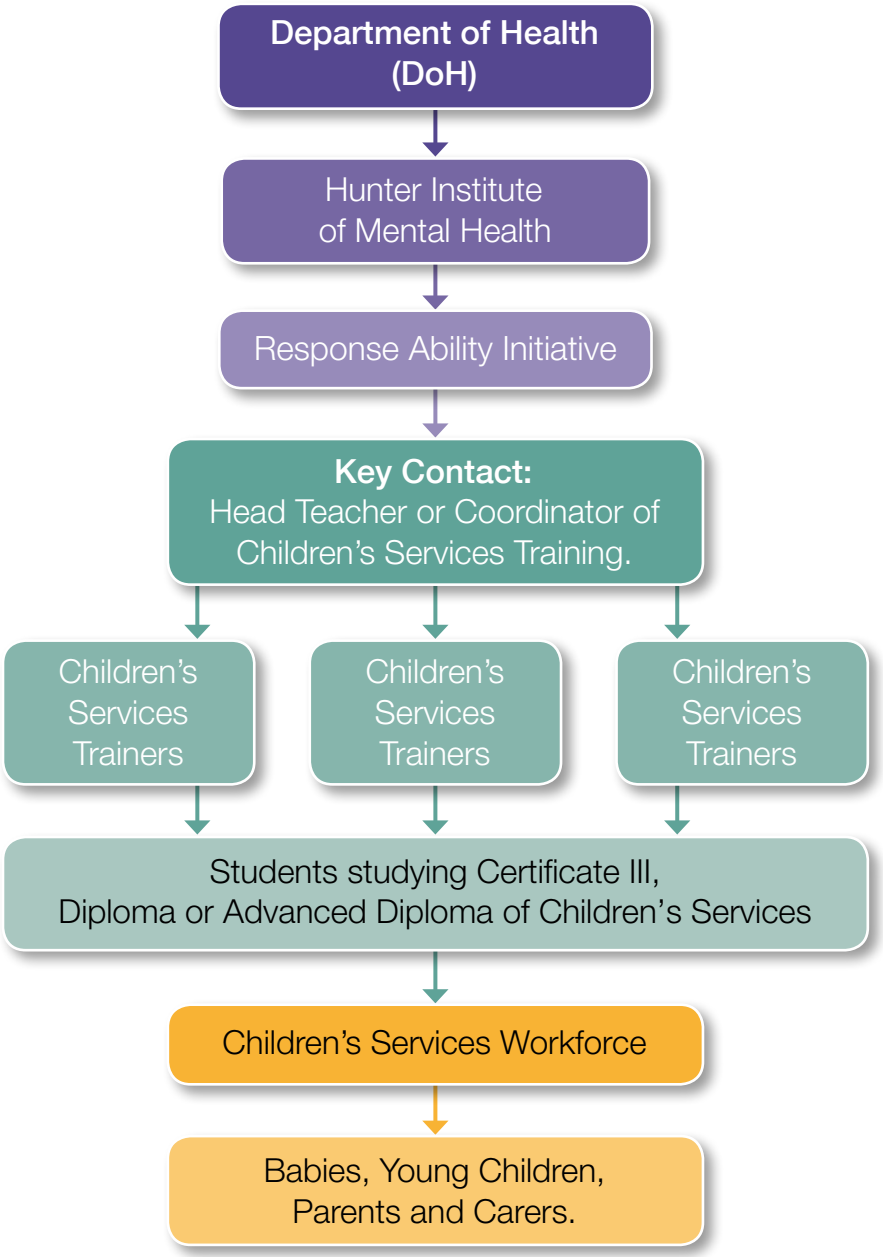
# Strategic Overview - Children's Services




- Funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health is implemented by the Hunter Institute of Mental Health on the Response Ability Initiative.
- Response Ability provides information, support and resources to Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) nationally to support the Vocational Education and Training of Children's Services workers via the Certificate III, Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Children's Services.

- Relationship with a key contact at each organisation or campus offering relevant children's services courses. The key contact will be given copies of the resource and information which can be passed on to children's services trainers as a hard or electronic copy (as outlined in the copyright provisions).
  **Goal:** Every campus and all trainers have access to the resource.
- Response Ability team will have an ongoing relationship with contacts and users regarding support, usage and integration.
- Children's services trainers are engaged with the principles of the Initiative and use the Response Ability resources.
- The Initiative has an influence on children's services students. Students' learn about mental health and social and emotional wellbeing through mental health promotion, prevention, early intervention (PPEI) and suicide prevention (SP).

- The children's services workforce has skills and knowledge in promoting mental health and wellbeing, early intervention and preventing mental illness.
- **Long term outcomes:** Improved mental health outcomes for all Australians by reducing the prevalence or severity of mental health problems and mental ill health and in prevention of suicide.

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