The purpose of the Changing Tracks Evaluation Plan, covering the period 2017-2022, is to assess the outcomes that have been achieved through the implementation of actions and initiatives aligned to the Changing Tracks Action Plans.

**Key outcomes and indicators**

**Services and systems**

- Improve practice across the service system to build individual and community authority with a focus on participation, decision making, re-unification, reconnection and preventing children re-entering the statutory child protection system
- Provide the right services at the right time to children and families through culturally capable family wellbeing and support services
- Increase employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including across the child and family support service system
- Set foundations for individual and systemic self-determination
- Invest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations that deliver services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families
- Align the Queensland child and family service and statutory child protection systems with Our way: A generational strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families

**Key Evaluation Questions:**

- To what extent have the outcomes of Changing Tracks contributed to Our Future State: Advancing Queensland’s Priorities?
- To what extent are Changing Tracks Priority and Enabling Actions contributing to the Our Way Building Blocks?
- How and to what extent have actions and initiatives delivered expected Action Plan Level outcomes?
- What further action is needed to sustain positive outcomes and drive continuous improvement and achievement of outcomes?
- What are the contextual factors and to what extent are they affecting (enabling and challenging) delivery of improved outcomes?
- To what extent have the outcomes of Changing Tracks contributed to Our Future State: Advancing Queensland’s Priorities?

**Data Sources (Qualitative and Quantitative)**

- Existing Evaluation Reports from: Flagship evaluations, community-led initiatives and Priority and Enabling Actions (led by Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (CSYW), partner agencies and community).
- We will collate existing published evaluations from partners and assess and summarize key findings across evaluations
- CYSW corporate and performance data
- Our Way Implementation and Impact Monitoring data
- Our Way Implementation Review data
- Where knowledge gaps are identified, data will be obtained through appropriate methods, including focus groups, surveys, and case studies.

**Changing Tracks Action Plan 2017–19**

- Family Wellbeing program – Flagship evaluation
- First 1000 Days program – Flagship evaluation
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family-led decision-making – Flagship evaluation
- Service reform project
- Queensland First Children and Families Board

- Empowering Families Innovation Grants
- Wellbeing outcomes framework and investment plan
- Queensland First Children and Families partnership agreement
- Analysis of sector capacity and workforce capability investment
- Healing strategy
- Flagship Evaluations are led and funded by the agency leading the action

**Changing Tracks priority areas**

- Meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women under 25 years, and their partners, especially during the first 1000 days
- Increasing access to, and involvement in, early years, health and disability programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged two to five years
- Providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who have complex needs and children at risk with the right services
- Enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in out-of-home care to thrive, re-engaging those disconnected from family and kin
- Enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people aged 15 to 24 years in or leaving out-of-home care to learn and earn, and stay safe and well

**Evaluation Focus: Targets**

- To what extent are outcomes and initiatives aligned to Our Way contributing to:
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children experiencing parity across wellbeing domains, where parity is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ aspirations
  - Closing the gap in life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families
  - Eliminating the disproportionate representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the child protection system
  - Benefits for the Changing Tracks priority areas

**Impact**

- To what extent have the policy settings required to enable change been established?
- Is the Quality of Implementation of the priority areas contributing to Our Way Building Blocks?
- To what extent have the priority areas contributed to Our Future State: Advancing Queensland’s Priorities?