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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Child Protection Cuts

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Quotes from Toni Walkington, Secretary CPSU/CSA:

“The state government’s cuts to Responsible Parenting programs will be devastating for the Kalgoorlie community.

“It means; no support for new mums who are identified as high risk for homelessness, drug abuse and mental health issues. And no help for parents who need strategies to cope with difficult behavior in children before it becomes a crisis.

“With these support programs gone, members are predicting a surge in the amount of kids coming into DPC care in Kalgoorlie.

“These cuts have far reaching impacts on the Kalgoorlie community, with more work for schools and Police in trying to keep these ‘at risk’ kids out of trouble.

“With a lack of community based job opportunities in Kalgoorlie, these cuts will also have a major impact on workers trying to provide for their families.

“Caseworkers still with the department have been told to close cases, even if they were providing much needed support.

“The Responsible Parenting Programs are proven to be financially beneficial for the taxpayers and provide vital support for those who need it most.”

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