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Child and Adolescent Health

The Alliance has released its position paper on Child and Adolescent Health. It calls for a Children's Rights Commissioner. The Alliance points out that Indigenous children are particularly vulnerable and need particular interventions. Mental health and self-harm are serious issues for adolescents in rural and remote areas.

The Alliance is calling for models of early intervention in child health to be tested for their particular relevance for rural and remote areas. It intends to send copies of its poster and new papers on the Rights of a Rural Child in Health Care to health centres and hospitals to encourage their focus on being child-friendly.

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Visit 'Publications and News' at www.ruralhealth.org.au for all of the Alliance's policy documents on rural and remote health.