



5th SNAICC National Conference

# For Our Children: Living and Learning Together

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS - SUMMARY FROM PRESENTERS

<b>Session Number</b>	36 Healing as part of helping.
<b>Your Presentation Title</b>	<i>Little Black Duck</i>
<b>Abstract /Summary of Presentation (1/2 to 1 page)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• objectives</li> <li>• main ideas, topics and findings</li> <li>• evidence?</li> <li>• Outcomes?</li> </ul>	<p>Little Black Duck is a presentation that shows a story of healing for a child whose totem is the black duck. This child was originally flagged to me at his community by an elder, as a kid with a lot of sporting potential but with a tendency to go off the rails.</p> <p>My work colleague and I share the same passion for working with children in Aboriginal communities and created an innovative program that combines Aboriginal mentoring and art/clay and sand therapy which we take to community in a custom built mobile counselling van. Twelve months later, Little Black Duck was referred by the school principal to be our first client. His attendance at school around this time was below 20%. Eighteen months on and his attendance is now at 96%.</p> <p>The presentation will show how emotional and psychological challenges can be healed through relationship, mentoring, clay, art and child focused play therapy. It also reveals how we need to think and work outside the square if we are to help our kids navigate some of the challenges faced in main stream institutions.</p>
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