

2017 SNAPSHOT DATA

THE ISSUES

REMOVAL

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN

removed by child protection authorities



2035
TRIPLE

ARE **9.8** MORE
TIMES LIKELY

TO BE REMOVED BY
CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITIES
THAN NON-INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN



IF NO NEW ACTION IS TAKEN

the number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
children removed by child
protection authorities will

TRIPLE by **2035**

THE CAUSES

INVESTING IN FAILURE

In 2015-16, **LESS THAN \$1** IN
EVERY \$5 SPENT ON OVERALL
CHILD PROTECTION FUNDING
was invested in support services
for children and their families.



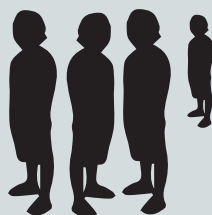
LESS THAN
\$800 FAMILY
MILLION SUPPORT
FUNDING SERVICES

The bulk of spending
is in **REACTING** to
PROBLEMS rather
than **SOLVING** them.



\$4 CHILD
BILLION PROTECTION
FUNDING SYSTEM

POVERTY



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE ARE

3.5x MORE LIKELY TO BE
UNEMPLOYED



1 IN 4

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER
CLIENTS USING
HOMELESSNESS
SERVICES
IS A CHILD
UNDER **10** YEARS

ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER

PEOPLE ARE
14x MORE
LIKELY
TO BE HOMELESS



ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER

5 YEAR OLDS
ARE
2.5x
MORE LIKELY TO BE
HELD BACK IN THEIR
DEVELOPMENT



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2017 REPORT CARD

STATE SNAPSHOT



	HEADLINE INDICATOR % Over-representation in OOHc	BUILDING BLOCK 1 Universal and targeted services	BUILDING BLOCK 2 Participation, control and self-determination	BUILDING BLOCK 3 Culturally safe and responsive systems	BUILDING BLOCK 4 Accountability
ACT	12.5				
NSW	10.4				
NT	11.3				
QLD	8.5				
SA	10.8				
TAS	3.4				
VIC	14.5				
WA	17.5				

KEY ■ Very poor ■ Poor ■ Promising/improving ■ Stronger practice/outcomes

KINSHIP CARE

1 IN 2



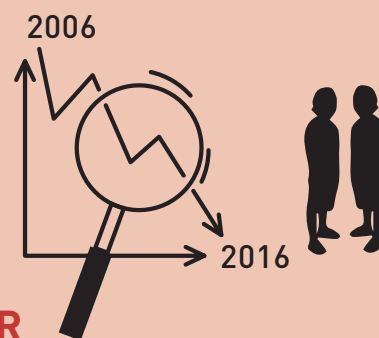
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN IN CARE IS **PLACED AWAY** FROM INDIGENOUS CARERS

While kinship care, with its **strong potential for maintaining cultural, community and family ties**, is the **best option** for ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children maintain an understanding of their history, connection and identity, it has been consistently decreasing in recent years.

2006 | 65%
2016 | 50%

IN THE DECADE SINCE 2006, **THE RATE OF CHILDREN PLACED WITH ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CARERS**

HAS FALLEN FROM 65% TO 50%



REUNIFICATION

For children who are removed by child protection authorities, it is important that they have stable, healthy relationships that nurture their identity. **We must ensure that children are either placed with or supported to safely return to their families after removal.** Increased safe reunification alone could most dramatically reduce over-representation.

Australia does not have any available data on this important issue.

