

CONGRESS MALE HEALTH

A place where men meet, talk and learn

Proven method for sharing, caring and making decisions



man with boomerang

child

woman with digging stick

family



grandfather

grandmother

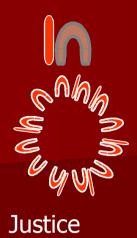














Ceremony



Medicine



School



Farm



Store





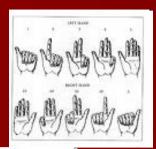


















Aboriginal Way



Kwatje



Kere E



Merne































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Senior men (in black) sit down with younger males and non-Aboriginal males to talk, listen and learn about health. Ceremonially, we wear a layer of white cockatoo feathers that allows true personalities to come out. Spears are tools for destroying danger, a shield for protection and boomerangs as symbols of extending friendship.

#### No Kungkas





Over 7000 client contacts per year.



#### MONDAY SESSIONS

Presenters give talks and demonstrations on healthy food and cooking, gardening, domestic violence, safe driving, legal issues, fatherhood and social & emotional wellbeing, health promotion etc.

Lunch is provided.





#### **Services:**

Doctor

Nurse

**Psychologists** 

Men's Shed

**Cultural Broker** 

**Aboriginal Liaison** 

**Community Development** 



# Male Health Summit Inteyerrkwe 2008



#### Inteyerrkwe Statement

"We the Aboriginal males from Central Australia and our visitor brothers from around Australia gathered at Inteyerrkwe in July 2008 to develop strategies to ensure our future roles as husbands, grandfathers, fathers, uncles, nephews, brothers, grandsons, and sons in caring for our children in a safe family environment that will lead to a happier, longer life that reflects opportunities experienced by the wider community.

We acknowledge and say sorry for the hurt, pain and suffering caused by Aboriginal males to our wives, to our children, to our mothers, to our grandmothers, to our granddaughters, to our aunties, to our nieces and to our sisters.

We also acknowledge that we need the love and support of our Aboriginal women to help us move forward."

#### Violence Intervention Programme (VIP)

- A holistic approach to reducing violence.
- Treat people for all types of violent behaviour.
- Treat people suffering psychological injury as a result of inter-personal violence.
- Respectful of culture

# WHY GET INVOLVED IN THE TREATMENT OF VIOLENCE?

Over 95% of reported violent offences are committed by males.

This is a male problem – it's up to men to take the lead in fixing it.

#### Costs

- Physical injury wounding, death, poor child brain development
- Psychological injury PTSD, PDs etc
- Economic cost smashed houses, unemployment, medical, corrections etc
- Cultural cost loss or distortion of lore
- Social cost Withdrawal from society education/employment difficulties, damage to family structure, substance abuse

No gender or age limits.

Collaborative approach eg. link with other
 CAAC services and external agencies

Systemic – whole of family approach where possible

#### Typical Issues:

- Domestic / family / interpersonal violence
- Sex offending adult, child, child porn
- Child abuse / neglect
- Cultural violence Payback
- Mental illness
- PTSD, psychological and personality disorders

#### Public Health Approach: Primary

#### Education –

- School-based education about sexual violence, consent etc.
- Professional training / consultation
- Sex Offender Assessment and Rehabilitation (SOAR)
- Understanding and Responding to Adolescent Sex Offenders (URASO)

#### Public Health: Secondary

- Targeting of young people
- First time offenders
- Those showing risk factors
- TV advertisement encourage those violent or potentially violent people to seek treatment



#### Public Health: Tertiary

- Offender treatment (ASCC)
- Training and supervision of treatment personnel
- Community treatment of sex offenders.
- Community support (SOCS)
- Program Development
- Forensic Psychological Reports

#### Individual work

- Mentally ill
- Intellectually impaired
- Complex eg. psychopath / child sex victim-offender / sadist.

### Thank you

