

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (0-5 years) are born and remain healthy, nurtured by strong families and enabled to thrive in their early years

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are born and remain healthy and strong

Outcomes

1. The needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers are met before, during and after pregnancy
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents have access to holistic, integrated family support services before and after the birth of their children.
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have access to high quality primary and allied health care services, including high quality assessment
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children meet their physical, emotional and cognitive developmental milestones

Focus Areas

- Quality and culturally safe maternal, paternal and child health services
- Parenting Programs
- Supporting ACCHOs
- Implementation of refreshed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan
- Implementation of the National Action Plan for the Health of Children and Young People
- Food security and nutrition

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are supported to thrive in their early years

Outcomes

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enjoy high levels of physical, social and emotional wellbeing in their early years.
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have access to high quality, culturally responsive early childhood education, providing a strong foundation for their future.
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families are confident and supported to take a leading role to guide their children's early learning and development
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children achieve success in early learning, meet developmental milestones and are ready to succeed in school.

Focus Areas

- Building a strong community controlled early years sector
- Supporting families to engage in education of their children
- Access to affordable, quality childcare
- Focus on quality learning and development outcomes

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are supported to establish and maintain strong connections to culture, country and language

Outcomes

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children develop strong, resilient and proud cultural identities.
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and languages flourish, are celebrated and continue to be handed down to future generations.
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural knowledge, practice and wisdom is embedded within the design of emerging and established service systems.
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are supported to maintain meaningful relationships with their family and their culture.

Focus Areas

- Connection to family and culture
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge
- Respecting and protecting traditional languages
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander placement principle

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children grow up in safe nurturing homes, supported by strong families and communities

Outcomes

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families live in safe, high quality, affordable housing that is suitable for their needs
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are cared for and supported by strong families that are free from family violence
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families live within vibrant communities that enable high quality life outcomes
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families have immediate access to high quality crisis support services when they need it, including access to culturally responsive and trauma informed healing programs

Focus Areas

- Housing
- Employment, Education and Training
- High quality, culturally responsive family support services
- National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children
- Culturally Responsive, Trauma Informed Healing Programs
- Addressing Family Violence

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities are active partners in building a better service system

Outcomes

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are partners in the design and implementation of better, accessible and responsive service systems, including through shared access to data at the local and regional level.
2. Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector is strong and sustainable to support self-determination and to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a strong voice in determining a positive future for their own children.
3. A high quality workforce delivers services with a high degree of cultural responsiveness and trauma awareness with the aim of eliminating systemic racism
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are directly involved in defining and overseeing government priorities, measures of success and strategies to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities.

Focus Areas

- Formal Partnerships and Shared Decision Making
- Building the Community Controlled Sector
- Eliminate institutional racism
- Workforce Development
- Data Sovereignty
- Indigenous Evaluation Strategy