

2017 SNAPSHOT DATA

THE ISSUES

REMOVAL

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN removed by child protection authorities



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.



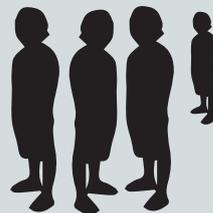
LESS THAN \$800 FAMILY SUPPORT FUNDING SERVICES

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

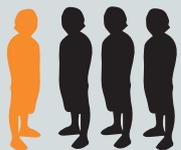


\$4 BILLION CHILD PROTECTION FUNDING SYSTEM

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

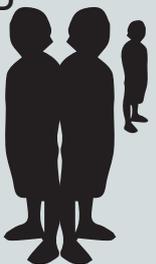
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

PEOPLE ARE **14x** MORE LIKELY TO BE HOMELESS



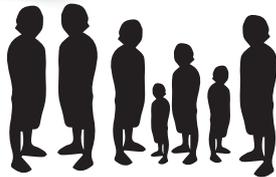
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

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



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	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
NSW	10.4	Poor	Promising/improving	Promising/improving	Poor
NT	11.3	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
QLD	8.5	Poor	Promising/improving	Poor	Promising/improving
SA	10.8	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
TAS	3.4	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
VIC	14.5	Poor	Promising/improving	Promising/improving	Stronger practice/outcomes
WA	17.5	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor

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

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.

KINSHIP CARE

1 IN 2

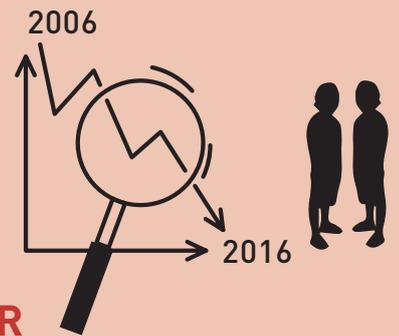


ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN IN CARE IS **PLACED AWAY FROM INDIGENOUS CARERS**

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.

