

FAMILY MATTERS 2025 DATA SNAPSHOT



OVER-REPRESENTATION IN CHILD PROTECTION

In 2023–24, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were **9.6×** more likely to be in out-of-home care or on third-party parental responsibility orders than non-Indigenous children.

9.6x

INFANTS IN CARE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants are **8.9×** more likely to be placed in OOHC.

8.9x

55%

PLACEMENT WITH RELATIVES OR KIN

As at 30 June 2024, **32.1%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care were placed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relatives/kin.

7.3%

REUNIFICATION WITH FAMILY

Only **7.3%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in OOHC or on TPROs were **reunified with family**, compared to **10.1%** of non-Indigenous children.

6.8%

FUNDING ALLOCATED TO ACCOS

Nationally (excl. WA), only **6.8%** of spending on child protection was directed to ACCOs; most jurisdictions spend **under 10%** of their child protection budgets through ACCOs.

15.6%

FUNDING FOR FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Only **15.6%** of total child protection expenditure was spent on family support services (FSS + IFSS), meaning roughly **16 cents of every \$1** is invested in prevention.

34.4%

EXITS FROM CARE TO 'OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES'

In 2023–24, **37.6%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children exited OOHC to **other circumstances**, including **independent living**, **homelessness** and **detention** — a national increase from the previous year.

