

Overview of SA Government strategies

SA is committed to reducing overrepresentation of Aboriginal children and young people in the child protection system in partnership with Aboriginal South Australians. Recent activity includes:

- Appointed the first SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, who advises and advocates on both systemic and individual issues for all Aboriginal children and young people, with a key focus on health, education, child protection and justice outcomes.
- Established the integrated child and family intensive support system following release of the State government's early intervention strategy. The strategy includes a core focus on improving outcomes for Aboriginal children and their families and commits the government to dedicated support system that adheres to the national Family Matters Principles.
- Full commencement of the new child safety legislative framework which embeds the commitment to participation and family-led decision making. This was accompanied by a commitment of \$1.6 million to set up and commission Family Group Conferencing with an emphasis on culturally safe and responsiveness for Aboriginal families.
- Released the *South Australian Government Aboriginal Affairs Action Plan 2019-20* which incorporates a range of commitments including the commitment to the development of the Aboriginal Housing Strategy, implementation of the Aboriginal Education Strategy, and of each agency to develop a RAP.
- Finalised an MoAA describing how DCP will work with Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation (NNAC) to implement child protection commitments contained within the Buthera Agreement between NNAC and the State of South Australia.
- Launched the *DCP Aboriginal Action Plan 2019-20* bringing together related actions within an integrated strategy within the ATSI CPP framework. This captures a range of activity and commitments including:
 - Commitment to increased procurement from Aboriginal organisations from 0.05% to at least 3% of spending.
 - Engagement of InComPro, an Aboriginal organisation, to deliver a specialised residential care model for Aboriginal young people.
 - Supported the co-design and trial of an Intensive Family Preservation Service in the Western suburbs delivered by an ACCO.
 - Commitment to develop a procurement plan for a trial of Aboriginal kinship carer supports provided by Aboriginal organisations.
 - Increasing partnerships with Aboriginal stakeholders including support for the Family Matters (SA) working group, ReconciliationSA and the SA NAIDOC Committee.
 - Commitment by DCP to increase Aboriginal employment target from 4.8% to 5.5% in twelve months (towards 10%) driven through the implementation of the new *DCP Aboriginal Employment Strategy*.
 - Design and implementation of DCP's new *Aboriginal Cultural Footprint* training program, a four-step cultural capability package mandated for all staff.

- Development of a Family-led Decision Making and Strengths Based Framework embedding the commitment to self-determination for Aboriginal families.
- Development of an Aboriginal-specific NDIA pre-planning tool to support access to culturally responsive disability services.
- Commitment to increase the number of completed Aboriginal Cultural Identity Support Tools.
- Implementation of the Winangay Aboriginal Kinship Carer Assessment Tool
- DCP has also:
 - Recruited an Aboriginal Practice Lead and 10 Aboriginal trainees.
 - Hosted two 2-day state forums for all Aboriginal staff to engage on key issues, practice and policy.
 - Partnered with SNAICC to deliver workshops to DCP staff to increase understanding and implementation of the Principle.
 - Embedded Aboriginal Service Provision requirements across service agreement to increase cultural safety and responsiveness.
 - Continued to work to ensure DCP has capacity to effectively implement the full aims of the Principle including through the dedicated Aboriginal Practice Directorate.
 - Developed its first RAP due for launch in August 2019.