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Investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled child protection and family support services

Real recurrent expenditure on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled services for 2018-19 (\$ and % of total expenditure) using ROGS definitions and counting rules

	\$ Total expenditure	\$ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled services	% of total expenditure on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled services
Family support	\$11,253,199 (total Child, Youth and Family Services Program budget for 2018-19, GST exclusive)	\$670,871 (provided to Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation under the Child, Youth and Family Services Program, GST exclusive funding)	6%
Intensive Family Support	\$5,242,500	0	0%
Child Protection	\$15,125,300	0	0%
Out of Home Care	\$45,995,400	0	0%
Total*	\$66,363,200	\$670,871	1%

(Source: CSD Datasets unpublished)

Access to Family Support Services

Children commencing intensive family support services, by Indigenous status, 2018-2019 (number)

	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of non-Indigenous children	Program name / type (if data can be disaggregated by program)
Children commencing intensive family support services	19	71	Barnardos Intensive Intervention Service
	56	118	Uniting Strengthening High Risk Families

(Source: CSD Datasets unpublished)

Children commencing family support services (non-intensive), by Indigenous status, 2018-2019 (number)

	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of non-Indigenous children	Number of unknown status children	Program name / type (if data can be disaggregated by program)
Children commencing Non-intensive family support services	230	1418	242	Child and Family Centres

(Source: CSD Datasets unpublished)

Children Supported through Gugan Gulwan Services 2018-19

Case management Activities	Number of users
Case Management Services	137
Exits from Case Management after achievement of identified needs	99
Group Program participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people	1112
Youth Engagement Services – Provided individual support to children and young people under youth engagement services	189
Therapeutic Services	19

(Source: CSD Datasets unpublished)

Permanency and Adoption

1. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a permanent care order* at 30 June 2019, number and % who are placed with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander carer
2. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a permanent care order at 30 June 2019 number and % who are placed with a relative/kinship carer

	Number and rate per 1000** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number and rate per 1000** of non-Indigenous children	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with non-Indigenous relative/kin at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with non-Indigenous, non-relative/kin carers at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in residential care at 30 June 2019
Children subject to a third-party parental responsibility order	30 (30.9% of all third-party parental responsibility order)	67 (69.1% of all third-party parental responsibility order)	4 (13.3%)	6 (20%)	0 (0%)	20 (66.6%)	0 (0%)

**In AIHW Child Protection Australia, these are termed "Finalised third-party parental responsibility orders" – please provide the name of the order
Please also provide data for 2018- 2019 if available*

***Note due to the small numbers in the ACT, rates per 1,000 have not been provided*

3. Children admitted to a finalised guardianship order* (or equivalent order in your jurisdiction), by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (i.e. Indigenous) status of the child, in 2018 – 2019.
4. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a finalised guardianship order at 30 June 2019, number and % who are placed with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander carer
5. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children subject to a finalised guardianship order at 30 June 2019 number and % who are placed with a kinship carer

	Number and rate per 1000 of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number and rate per 1000 of non-Indigenous Children	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with non-Indigenous relative/kin at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with a non-Indigenous, non-relative/kinship carers at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in residential care at 30 June 2019
Children subject to a finalised guardianship order	209* (29.98% of all finalised custody orders)	488 (70.01%)	72 (34.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with relative and kin)	41 (19.6% with non-indigenous kin)	4 (1.9%)	56 (26.8%)	7 (3.3%)

**Noting that the table does not fully define where all children on a finalised guardianship order were – of the remaining children and young people not defined in the table, 22 were living at home, and 7 self-placed.*

6. Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were admitted to an adoption order during the 2018-19 year.

7. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children admitted to an adoption order, number who were adopted by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

Table: Children who were adopted

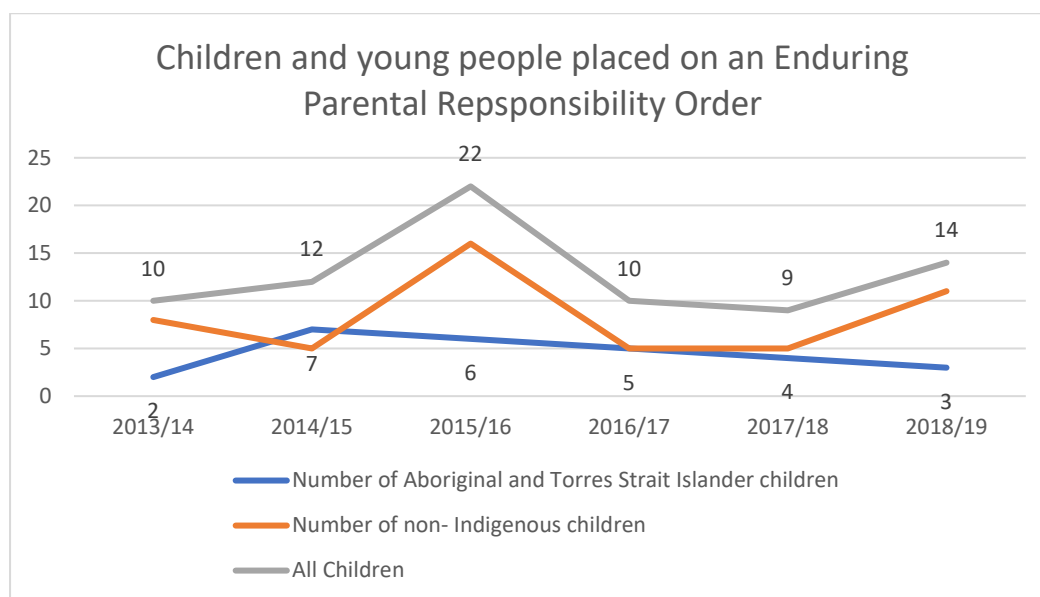
	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of non-Indigenous children	Number of Indigenous children adopted by an Indigenous person
2013/14	0	17	0
2014/15	0	9	0
2015/16	0	4	0
2016/17	0	10	0
2017/18	0	7	0
2018/19	0	6	0

(Source: CSD Datasets unpublished)

Table: Children placed on Enduring Parental Responsibility Orders

	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of non-Indigenous children	All Children
2013/14	2	8	10
2014/15	7	5	12
2015/16	6	16	22
2016/17	5	5	10
2017/18	4	5	9
2018/19	3	11	14

(Source: CSD Datasets unpublished)



Reconnection

1. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children admitted to care in 2018 – 2019, number and % placed with relatives/kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers.

	Number and rate per 1000* of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children admitted to care in 2018-19	Number and rate per 1000* of non-Indigenous Children admitted to care in 2018-19	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin at 30 June 2019 (of the children admitted in 2018-2019)	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with non-Indigenous relative/kin at 30 June 2019 (of the children admitted in 2018-2019)	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers at 30 June 2019 (of the children admitted in 2018-2019)	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with non-Indigenous, non-relative/kin carers at 30 June 2019 (of the children admitted in 2018-2019)	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in residential care at 30 June 2019 (of the children admitted in 2018-2019)
Children admitted to out of home care in 2018-19	25** (21% of all children admitted to out of home care)	94	8 (32%)	3 (12%)	0	3 (12%)	3 (12%)

**Note due to the small numbers in the ACT, rates per 1,000 have not been provided*

***Noting that the table does not fully define where all children admitted to out of home care in 2018-19 may be living at 30 June – of the remaining children and young people not defined in the table, two (2) were living at home on orders, one (1) was self-placed and five (5) had exited care – of these, three (3) returned home and two (2) returned interstate.*

2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in a relative/kinship placement at 30 June 2019 who moved from a non-relative/non-kinship care placement to a relative/kinship care placement during the reporting period*

	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were with non-Indigenous, non relative kin carer at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children reconnected to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander relative/kin at 30 June 2019	Number and % of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children reconnected to non-indigenous relative/kin at 30 June 2019
Children reconnected to relatives/kin through placement change in 2018-19	199 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out of home care at 30 June (28.6% of all children in out of home care as at 30 June 2019)	71 (36%) – this includes non-Aboriginal foster care and residential care	7 (3.5%) moved from non-relative/kinship placement to Aboriginal relative kinship placement	2 (1%) moved from non-relative/kinship placement to non-Aboriginal relative kinship placement

**This indicator seeks to measure the reconnection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with relatives/kin through placement change, eg. From a non-relative/non-kinship placement to a relative/kinship care placement.*

Note: there were 73 children living with Aboriginal kin at 30 June who only had placement with kin during the reporting period, and 42 children living with non-Aboriginal kin at 30 June who only had placement with kin during the period. There were also four (4) children who were with Aboriginal non-relative carers throughout the period.

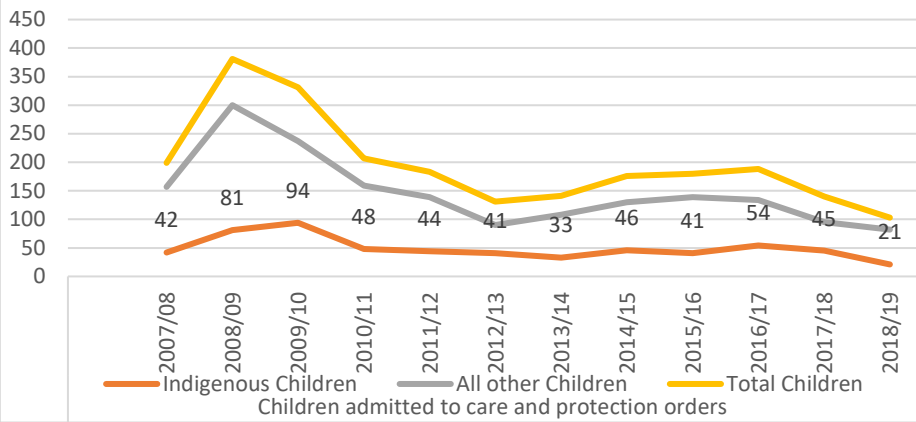
Appendix: Historical data

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children admitted to care in 2018 – 2019, number and % placed with relatives/kin or other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Metric</i>	<i>Total Frequency</i>	<i>Indigenous Children</i>	<i>All other Children</i>	<i>Total Children</i>
Children admitted to care and protection orders					
	2007/08	17%	42	157	199
	2008/09	21%	81	300	381
	2009/10	21%	94	237	331
	2010/11	28%	48	159	207
	2011/12	23%	44	139	183
	2012/13	24%	41	90	131
	2013/14	31%	33	108	141
	2014/15	23%	46	130	176
	2015/16	26%	41	139	180
	2016/17	23%	54	134	188
	2017/18	29%	45	95	140
	2018/19	20%	21	82	103
Children admitted to care and protection orders for the first time					
	2007/08	19%	27	103	130
	2008/09	22%	41	147	188
	2009/10	25%	40	121	161
	2010/11	25%	40	121	161
	2011/12	21%	32	123	155
	2012/13	34%	36	69	105
	2013/14	24%	30	94	124
	2014/15	24%	37	115	152
	2015/16	24%	39	122	161
	2016/17	29%	50	121	171
	2017/18	32%	41	77	118
	2018/19	19%	18	77	95
Number of children who were reunified / restored to birth parents within 12 months of admission*					
	2013/14	9%	10	97	107
	2014/15	19%	17	72	89
	2015/16	21%	18	67	85
	2016/17	18%	14	62	76
	2017/18	30%	13	30	43
	2018/19	23%	8	27	35
Overall number of children reunified / restored to birth parents in the year (note this measure does not consider the length of time the child remains at home)					
	2013/14	23%	41	134	175
	2014/15	13%	19	131	150
	2015/16	26%	30	86	116
	2016/17	27%	32	86	118
	2017/18	17%	17	84	101
	2018/19	36%	24	42	66

*'admission' for this figure is 'admission to out of home care' not 'admission to care and protection orders'. While most children will be present in both sets, there are some children admitted to orders who do not go into out of home care, instead the order assists in preservation at home.

Children admitted to care and protection orders



Children and young people admitted to care and protection orders for the first time

