

ABOUT THE ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SERVICES TEAM

We are a team of Aboriginal people who support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents, families and children involved with Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS). CYPS is the ACT Government agency responsible for looking into the safety and wellbeing of children in the ACT.

Our team works alongside case managers and is committed to supporting families to keep our children safe within community – we know connection to culture is important.

As Aboriginal people, we also know involvement with the child protection system can be stressful, particularly because of our history of child removal.

Our team is here for you.

To get in touch, contact CYPS using the numbers in this brochure and ask for the Aboriginal Cultural Services Team.

HOW WE CAN HELP

If you would like, we can...

- > act as a bridge between you and your case manager
- > be your first point of contact
- > walk alongside you to explain and support you through child protection processes
- > work with your case manager to help them better understand your needs and the needs of your child
- > help you tell your story
- > provide practical information and advice, including referrals to other services that can support you
- > answer any questions you have.

We...

- > acknowledge and value our cultures
- > recognise our communities have always taken care of our children
- > recognise our cultures are rich in traditional parenting practices that raise strong kids
- > listen without judgment.

