



Strong Communities. Strong Culture. Stronger Children.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal Islander Child Care (SNAICC) has been working with their partners on a campaign to end the over representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care: Family Matters – Strong communities. Strong culture. Stronger children.

Kurbingui Youth and Family Development has taken the Family Matters pledge.

We believe we need a new approach, to ensure that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children grow up safe, well and cared for in their families, communities and culture.

We agree that this must be through all organisations, services and governments:

- Applying a child focussed approach.
- Ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations participate in and have control over decisions that affect their children.
- Protecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's right to live in culture.
- Pursuing evidence-based responses.
- Supporting, healing and strengthening families.
- Challenging systemic racism and inequities.

Our Way Strategy and Action Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Families

Together with Family Matters — a national campaign led by more than 150 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous organisations across Australia — the Queensland (Qld) government made a commitment to work in together with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to eliminate this disproportionate representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in statutory out-of-home care, within a generation.

Guided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, the Our Way Strategy outlines our approach, across 20 years, to work differently together to improve life opportunities for Queensland's vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

A key commitment in Supporting Families Changing Futures, Our Way represents a fundamental shift in how child protection, family support and other services work with, and for, Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Changing Tracks outlines the actions we will take in the first three years to achieve our goal. It builds on existing initiatives and includes new actions guided by Elders, community leaders, community run organisations, peak bodies and relevant government agencies, aimed at:

- Reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the child protection system.
- Closing the Gap in life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing vulnerability.
- Ensuring all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children grow up safe and cared for in family, community and culture.

Kurbingui Youth and Family Development is committed to the Our Way Strategy - Changing Tracks

Supporting Families Changing Futures is a reform program that builds on the commitments and progress of the Queensland Government and partner organisations to implement the recommendations of the 2013 Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry.

Key priorities in Supporting Families Changing Futures include responding differently to the overrepresentation of vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families in the statutory child protection system, reducing child and youth sexual abuse, and closing the gaps in life outcomes.

Supporting Families Changing Futures is committed to the development and delivery of an action plan for vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. Our Way and Changing Tracks support the strategic direction of the Supporting Families Changing Futures reform program to meet the needs and requirements of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities.

<https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/campaign/supporting-families/background/strategy-action-planaboriginal-torres-strait-islander-children-families>