

NSW Health

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- Policy and strategy for populations that have specific health needs
- Responsibilities in relation to:
 - Disability
 - Aged Care
 - Carers
 - Violence, abuse and neglect

Five key priorities for the health system for 2017-18:

- Patient safety first
- Systems integration
- Strengthening governance and accountability
- Digital health and data analytics
- Leading better value care

Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Services



- Currently, there are 45 AMIHS providing care from approximately 80 facilities in NSW
 - 4 AMIHS are managed by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)
 - 41 AMIHS are managed by Local Health Districts (LHD)

Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Services



The AMIHS program is currently being evaluated

- **Governance includes a Cultural Reference Group** - a group of NSW Aboriginal people bringing their cultural and community perspectives to inform the evaluation
- **To hear community views about AMIHS** – the evaluation team will visit six case study sites across NSW to interview AMIHS clients and families; managers and staff; community members; services working with AMIHS
- **Health outcomes** - investigating AMIHS's impact on health outcomes and an economic evaluation are also key parts of the evaluation

Building Strong Foundations for Aboriginal Children, Families and Communities (BSF)



- BSF services are located in 15 areas across the state
- BSF services include:
 - developmental surveillance and health monitoring
 - early identification of child and family needs
 - providing information, support and referrals for identified needs
 - health promotion, health education and community development.

BSF Local Community Development



Mid North Coast Aboriginal Career Expo day 2017

- Kempsey BSF partnered with four local universities to host the Expo day
- The day aimed to provide Aboriginal school students with an opportunity to explore various career options available in the local health sector
- School Students participated in one-on-one conversations with health professionals and/or interactive workshops related to specific careers.

Prevention and early intervention

Breastfeeding – partnerships with Australian Breastfeeding Association



“What I learned from that program is to support your wife or your partner and make them feel comfortable and make them realise it's not their fault that things happen for whatever reason and just be the best partner you can to support them.”

Rodney - Deadly Dad

The Aboriginal Ear Health Program



- **Working with families** – by reducing the risk factors among parents, carers and their extended families
- **Working with the community** – by increasing awareness of ear health in the Aboriginal community, health and education professionals to support a preventative approach and early detection
- **Improving effectiveness of services** – to Aboriginal families to lessen the impact of Otitis Media on health and learning outcomes.



Breastfeeding – partnerships with Australian Breastfeeding Association

Breastfeeding mentor workshops

- ABA were funded in 2015 to deliver the *Breastfeeding: Good for Mum Good for Bub* project which aimed to build community capacity and health, and increase breastfeeding rates in Aboriginal communities
- 6 community breastfeeding mentoring workshops were facilitated in regions/rural areas of NSW in 2014-15.
- The workshops were attended by female community members and Aboriginal health workers.



The NSW Health Aboriginal Family Health Strategy: Responding to Family Violence in Aboriginal Communities (2011-2016)

The Strategy describes a model of care and presents positive action based solutions which aim to:

- Reduce the incidence and impact of family violence in Aboriginal communities.
- Build the capacity and strength of individuals and communities to prevent, respond to and recover from family violence.
- Nurture the spirit, resilience and cultural identity that builds Aboriginal families

The Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention Strategy 2017-2022

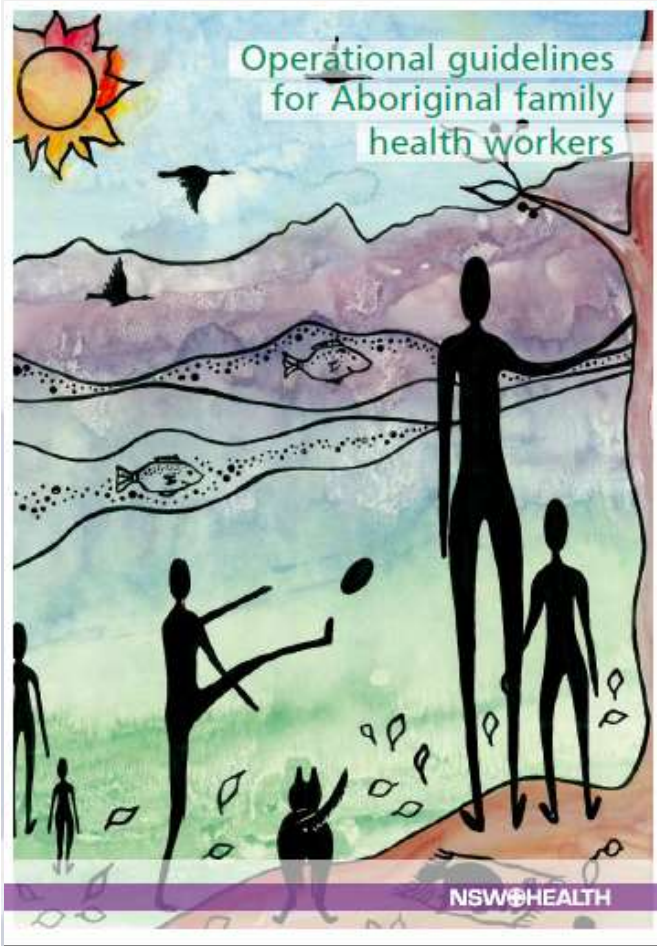
The Strategy is currently in development will aim to:

- Recognition as the peak document for delivering trauma-informed and culturally competent services to Aboriginal communities internal and external to NSW Health.
- Articulate multi-layers of immediate and historical, individual and collective experiences of trauma in Aboriginal communities.

The Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention Workforce

- 24 Aboriginal Family Health Workers based in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, non-government organisations and Local Health Districts, four Aboriginal Family Health Coordinators in Local Health Districts and
- Additional two positions funded under the Commonwealth Women's Safety Package fund in two rural and regional areas in NSW

Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention Workforce - training



Professional development include:

- Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) *Certificate IV Aboriginal Family Health (Family Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Protection)* and ongoing support to continue and complete the course within the specified time frame
- Participation in the Aboriginal Family Health Network meetings held twice each year.

Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention Network Meetings

- Insert pictures



The Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention

CASE STUDY

“Kelly” had a long history of Family and Domestic Violence with the earliest memory being when she was 4 years old.

Any questions?

Thank you

