



# Healing our Sector

NSW Aboriginal Child & Family Conference

13-14 JUNE 2023 • ICC SYDNEY

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### SUBMISSION DOCUMENT

All abstract submissions are to be emailed to [events@absec.org.au](mailto:events@absec.org.au) by **Friday 28 April 2023** focusing on the conference themes as outlined within this submissions document.

This document is to be used as a tool to prepare your submission.

Contact AbSec for more information on **(02) 9559 5299**.

### Abstract guidelines

Abstracts must be submitted under one of the conference topics, using the form provided in this document.

All presenters must register to attend the conference.

Abstracts should be between 300–350 words and include the **title** of the workshop or presentation and the **name** of the author or presenter.

### Conference audience

The conference is targeting those working to support Aboriginal children & young people and their families including Aboriginal member agency workers, Aboriginal workers working directly with Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities.

### Workshop/Presentation guidelines

Workshops/Presentations should be **60 minutes in duration including discussion time**.

Presenters should advise AbSec at least 2 weeks prior to the conference of any further technical requirements (e.g. projectors, audio for CD, DVD or iPod playback).

## Conference goals

- Highlight successful strategies for developing well-integrated, holistic and culturally responsive service systems that span the continuum of supports;
- Reveal innovative Aboriginal child and family service delivery practices;
- Showcase strategies for involving Aboriginal youth, families and communities in developing services and policies that lead to system change;
- Share the latest research developments in developing Aboriginal-led and culturally informed evidence based frameworks and models; and
- Share best practices, celebrate our achievements and set our future directions for delivering better outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

This is an opportunity for communities, practitioners, managers, leaders and planners to share best practices and hear from other experts in the field as well as one another on the latest research and advocacy efforts to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and their families.

## Conference theme

Our conference theme this year will be '**Healing our Sector**'. As it stands, we're an industry fatigued. After COVID, the flooding and everything else, three indigenous children a day are still being removed from community. We need to find out why. What's more, we need an opportunity to heal. To come together and show our strength, be energised, and cross the understanding divide with those in power.

## Conference topics

AbSec is now seeking abstracts from interested individuals, organisations and communities from one or more of the key themes:

- Aboriginal-led restoration
- Cultural permanency
- Oversight and accountability
- The Aboriginal Child Placement Principle
- Commissioning for outcomes
- Aboriginal-led family preservation
- Holistic approaches to Aboriginal wellness
- Delivering community care during COVID
- Overcoming sector fatigue and burnout
- Indigenous data sovereignty
- Healing the workforce, dealing with burnout and building capacity
- Cultural supports and therapeutic interventions for OOHC
- Healing the community after crisis
- Aboriginal-led therapeutic healing in the sector

## Next steps

- Abstracts will be considered on individual merits and contributions.
- Presentations that demonstrate as Aboriginal led approach or partnership with Aboriginal children and young people will be given priority.
- Successful abstracts will be contacted at the beginning of May 2023.

# Part A: Workshop/Presentation Content

**Abstract Proposal (tick appropriate option)**

☐ Workshop ☐ Presentation

**Abstract Theme:**  
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**Abstract Title:**  
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**Summary Workshop/Presentation Description**

Please provide a short paragraph of 100 words or less describing your workshop/presentation as it would appear in the final program. Please do NOT exceed 100 words. If your description exceeds 100 words, the description will be edited to fit the word count at AbSec's discretion.

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**Workshop/Presentation Objectives**

(Please provide three to five objectives.)

*As a result of attending this workshop/presentation, participants will:*

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### Detailed Workshop/Presentation Description

Please provide a detailed abstract, 300–350 words, of your workshop/presentation proposal.

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## Part B: Presenter/Organisation Details

Presenter's Name: .....

Position: .....

Organisation: .....

Contact Number: .....

Email: .....

Photo for mobile app (.jpg, .gif, .tiff, or .png) .....

Are you Aboriginal? (tick appropriate option)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Presenter Biography (75 words or less, written in third person):

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## Part C: Audio/Visual Requirements

Please list A/V equipment needs, and detail any other setup or technical requirements.

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*In submitting this abstract, I understand that AbSec is not offering to pay for travel, accommodation, meals, or registration. If approved, I agree to present on the assigned dates and times during the conference, 13–14 June, 2023. I also agree that I have read all of the above information.*

I have read and agree to the above statement.

Name of person submitting this abstract: .....

Should you wish to discuss your abstract before submitting please contact AbSec on  
**(02) 9559 5299** or email **events@absec.org.au**