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Day One: ACCOs Only | Wed, 26 Feb 2025

**Registration & Smoking Ceremony** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am - 9:00 am

**Welcome to Country** \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Performed by Kristian Jarrett. House rules and opening address by CEO John Leha. Hear from our teams and what they are currently achieving within our sector.

**Session 1** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Housing and Child Protection, Aboriginal Housing Office

Reviewing current policies that provide culturally appropriate support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families experiencing vulnerability.

*Famey Williams, Aboriginal Housing Office*

*Morning tea: 10:45 am – 11:15 am*

**Session 2** \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Mapping Accountability in Child Protection

Examining the scope of accountability needed and what might be established.

*Associate Professor Paul Gray, University of Sydney Jumbunna Institute*

*Lunch: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm*

**Session 3** \_\_\_\_\_ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

A Relational Child Protection and NSW OOHC Model

Discussing a report co-authored with the James Martin Institute "Supporting Children & Families to Flourish".

*Aunty Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor, Jarrod Wheatley & Sophi Bruce, Centre for Relational Care*

**Session 4** \_\_\_\_\_ 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Resource Sharing on Family Finding

Presenting two research programs that supports Aboriginal children and youth at risk of entering OOHC through kinship, family contact and cultural information, as well as reunion support services.

*Aletha Rowan, Link-Up NSW*

**Session 5** \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Information to be announced

*Closing Smoking Ceremony & Corroboree by Gadhungal Marring  
Networking & canapes: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm*

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Day Two: For All | Thurs, 27 Feb 2025

**Registration** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am - 9:00 am

**Opening of Day Two** \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am - 9:15 am

**Session 6** \_\_\_\_\_ 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Targeted Early Intervention Spotlight: Family Dispute Resolution  
*Kate Paull & Janay Apps, Orange Aboriginal Medical Service*

*Morning tea: 10:15 am – 10:45 am*

**Session 7** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am - 11:30 am

ACCM Building: Gunhinarrung–bang Ngaangirra  
Dubbo Grannies Group

From Victoria Park to Leading Aboriginal Voices in the  
Dubbo Community.

Concurrent

ACCO Support: Tender  
Writing Workshop

*John Byrne, AbSec LDC*

**Session 8** \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

System Reform in DCJ

Covering the drivers of reform in child protection and NSW  
OOHC, operational and policy/strategic changes within DCJ,  
what we can expect in 2025, and how we can work together  
with the sector.

*Paul O'Reilly & Lauren Dean, DCJ*

Concurrent

ACCO Support: Tender  
Writing Workshop

*John Byrne, AbSec LDC*

*Lunch: 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm*

**Session 9** \_\_\_\_\_ 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

Shining a Light on Deadly Practice in Targeted  
Early Intervention Programs

*Shirley Taylor, Lisa Lorraine Braddick & Tammy Osgood, Waminda  
Tash McGeachie & Richard Ardler, South Coast AMS*

Concurrent

ACCO Support: Tender  
Writing Workshop

*John Byrne, AbSec LDC*

*Wind down and yarn: 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm*