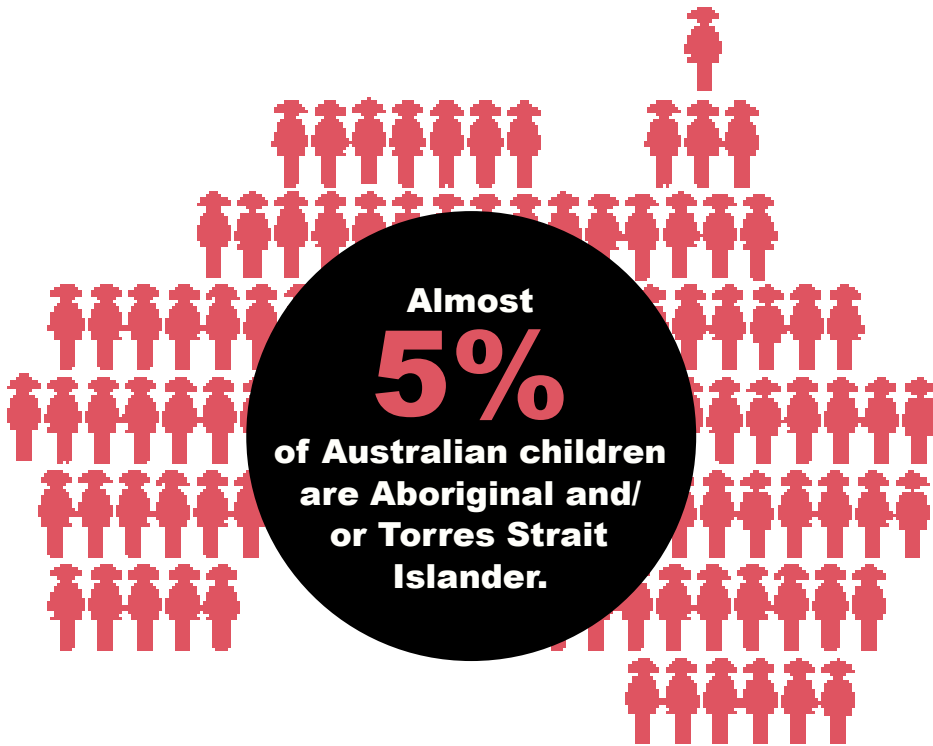


Indigenous children



Did you know?

Indigenous children are **9 times** as likely to be on care and protection orders.

AIHW 14/15

Indigenous children are almost **7 times** as likely to be the subject of substantiated child abuse and neglect as non-Indigenous children in 2014/1.

AIHW 2014/15

Indigenous children under the age of 12 months are **8 times** more likely to be hospitalised for assault.

AIHW 2016

Indigenous children are **10 times** more likely to be living in out-of-home care.

Key Issues

Family violence: The rate of assault is 17 times higher for indigenous girls and young women and 4 times higher for boys and young men than their non-Indigenous counterparts. (AIHW 16)

Mental illness: Indigenous young people are hospitalised for mental and behavioural disorders at almost twice the non-Indigenous rate. (AIHW 11)

Childhood mortality: In 2014, the Indigenous child mortality rate was 60% higher than the rate for non-Indigenous children. (Closing the gap 2016)

Juvenile justice: Indigenous males were 1.4 times as likely to be under youth justice supervision as non-Indigenous males, and Indigenous females were twice as likely. (AIHW 2013/14)

Homelessness: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to be staying in improvised dwellings, tents or sleeping rough. (Homelessness Australia 2016)

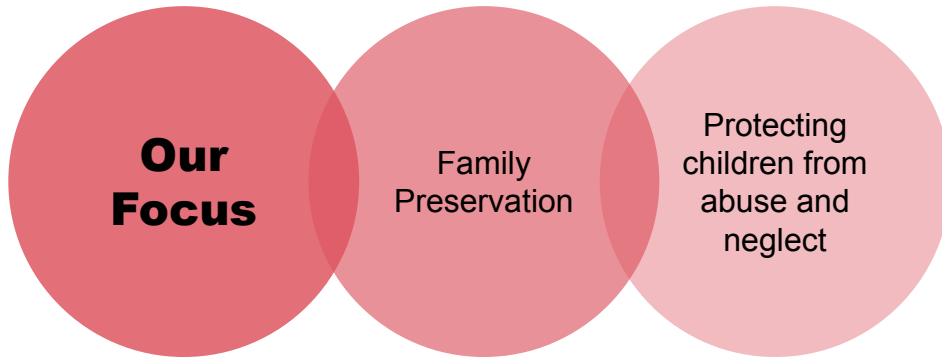
Exposure to tobacco: In 2012-13, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 15 years were 2.5 times more likely to be a current smoker. (Closing the gap 2016)

Find out more

- AIHW, The health and welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 2011
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), A picture of Australia's Children 2012
- AIHW, Child Protection 2014-15.
- Young People in child protection and under the Youth Justice System 2013-14.
- Closing the Gap 2016

How we help

We work in partnership with Aboriginal communities to build strong Aboriginal Out-of-Home Care agencies that ensure Aboriginal children who are unable to live at home are cared for by their kin or Aboriginal foster carers.



We acknowledge adoption is culturally inappropriate for Aboriginal cultures.

In 2015/16 we directly helped:

Supported 123 Indigenous children aged 5-12 through our Indigenous Learning Centres.

Indigenous children have more extensive and complex family relationships than most non-Indigenous children. They also struggle on a daily basis with the long-term effects of the Stolen Generation and ongoing deprivation.

Our Indigenous Services

- Parent education and counselling
- Emergency accommodation
- Foster care
- Narang Bir-rong & GNL Partnerships
- Indigenous Learning Centre program
- Temporary foster care (short term, crisis and respite care)
- Mental health support
- Kinship care
- Family and domestic violence support

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