



Proud in Culture, Strong in Spirit

NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK 2021

NAPCAN PREVENT
CHILD ABUSE
& NEGLECT

TURNING CONVERSATION INTO ACTION

Speakers:

- April Lawrie, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People SA
- Catherine Liddle, CEO, SNAICC
- Belinda Field, Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services

In this webinar on **Wednesday 8 September 2021** we discussed:

- What Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are telling us about culture
- What does a child's connection to their culture and Country mean?
- How does cultural connection support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child's wellbeing, safety and identity?
- Why Aboriginal community-controlled organisations are the most well-placed to ensure the best outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

The theme for National Child Protection Week (5 - 11 September 2021) was **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**

To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

But not every family has these resources.

This is why we need to support every child, family and community according to their needs.

This will create a healthier, fairer Australia for all children.

During the week a series of webinars was curated to explore this theme. The following sheet provides links to resources and topics that were mentioned in the above webinar, to help us **turn this conversation into action.**





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Information relevant to this webinar includes:

Office of the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People South Australia:

- For more information about the work of the CYCYP see www.cacyp.com.au
- Consultation report *Be Seen. Be Heard. Flourish.* www.cacyp.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/South-Australias-Commissioner-for-Aboriginal-Children-and-Young-People-Inaugural-Report-December-2019.pdf

SNAICC - National Voice for Our Children:

- Connecting and understanding culture www.supportingcarers.snaicc.org.au/connecting-to-culture/connecting-and-understanding-culture
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle www.supportingcarers.snaicc.org.au/rights-of-the-child/child-placement-principle
- Resources to support the application of the ATSICPP www.snaicc.org.au/policy-and-research/child-safety-and-wellbeing
- Sign up to [SNAICC's mailing list](#)
- Join SNAICC in celebrating www.aboriginalchildrensday.com.au each year on 4 August

National Plans:

- Read the Family Matters Roadmap www.familymatters.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/TheFamilyMattersRoadmap.pdf
- Get to know the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap and its four Priority Reforms www.coalitionofpeaks.org.au
- [National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020](#)
- [National Framework Consultations \(now closed\) to inform a Successor Plan](#)





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Services mentioned:

- For more information about the work of Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services see www.yerin.org.au

Framing research:

This year's National Child Protection Week theme and campaign were based on the latest Australian research on how to frame communication around child wellbeing and parenting including:

- The *Core Story for Early Childhood Development and Learning* at www.telethonkids.org.au/projects/HPER/core-story - and learn more with the eLearning here www.corestory.talentlms.com
- The *Reframing Parenting* project at www.parentingrc.org.au/programs/reframing-parenting
- **Passing the Message Stick** gives clear advice about how to use language to help change the story on self-determination and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people www.passingthemessagestick.org

Related campaigns to join:

- Family Matters - www.familymatters.org.au
- NAIDOC Week - www.naidoc.org.au
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (4 August) - www.aboriginalchildrensday.com.au
- Everybody's Home - www.everybodyshome.com.au
- Raise The Rate - www.raisetherate.org.au
- Every Child - www.everychild.co
- Australia Together - www.australiatogether.org
- Ending Loneliness Together - www.endingloneliness.com.au

Upcoming Weeks in October:

- Anti-Poverty Week (2021 theme is focused on children) 17 - 23 October - www.antipovertyweek.org.au
- Children's Week 23 - 31 October www.childrensweek.org.au





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Include the voices of children:

- For advice about how to include the voices of children in your work contact SNAICC or your State or Territory Children's Commission.
- For ideas about using art to talk to children about their communities, see NAPCAN's Art Activity www.napcan.org.au/art-activity/ and watch the short video compilation of artworks at www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtudlb0oO9A&t=1s



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Thank you for your commitment to ensuring every
child in every community has a fair go.

