



# Aboriginal Family Support Services

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*Together with the community*

## **Child Protection Reform – Aboriginal Community Engagement Project**

### **Fact Sheet 2 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle (ATSICPP)**

By law the Department for Child Protection (DCP) wherever possible must look at placing Aboriginal children with relatives or with someone from within their community.

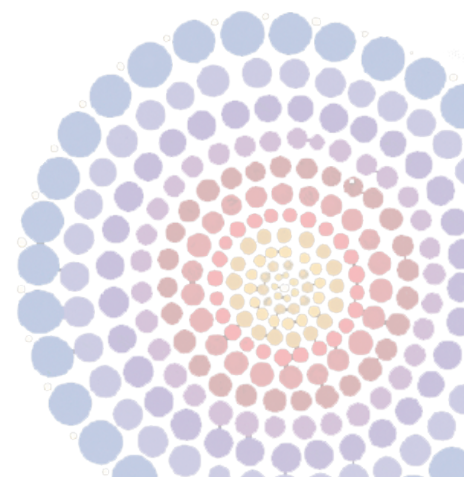
It is law that welfare services need to give Aboriginal children the opportunity to continue ongoing contact with their family, community and culture.

#### **The ATSICPP is as follows:**

If an Aboriginal child is placed in care, the child should if practicable be placed with one of the following persons in order of priority:

- A member of the child's family
- A member of the child's community who has a relationship of responsibility for the child
- A member of the child's community
- A person of Aboriginal cultural background

If a child is unable to be placed in the above options then the child should be given the opportunity for continuing contact with their family, community and culture.



## What can you do?

- Talk to AFSS and get involved with our Aboriginal Community Engagement Project. You can also think about becoming an AFSS foster carer, ensuring we have a large pool of Aboriginal foster carers to care for children who are removed from their families. The more carers we have, the better the options of Aboriginal children being placed with Aboriginal families.
- Contact AFSS in your local area and speak with an AFSS worker.
- You can also contact the AFSS Child Protection Reform – Aboriginal Community Engagement Project:

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## Other useful contacts:

### Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)

Phone: 1800 643 222 Website: [www.alrm.org.au](http://www.alrm.org.au)

### Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People

Phone: 8226 3355 Email: [CommissionerCYP@sa.gov.au](mailto:CommissionerCYP@sa.gov.au)

### Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement

Phone: 8226 3500 Email: [DPC.CommissionerforAboriginalEngagement@sa.gov.au](mailto:DPC.CommissionerforAboriginalEngagement@sa.gov.au)

### Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP)

Phone: 8226 3355 Email: [CommissionerCYP@sa.gov.au](mailto:CommissionerCYP@sa.gov.au)

### DCP Central Complaints Unit

Phone: 1800 003 305 Website: [www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/department/contact-department/making-complaint](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/department/contact-department/making-complaint)

### Family Matters

Phone: 8305 4213 Email: [joanne@childandfamily-sa.org.au](mailto:joanne@childandfamily-sa.org.au)

### Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People

P: 8226 8570 Email: [GCYP@GCYP.sa.gov.au](mailto:GCYP@GCYP.sa.gov.au) Website: [www.gcyp.sa.gov.au](http://www.gcyp.sa.gov.au)

### SA Ombudsman

Phone: 1800 182 150 Email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au)



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