

# KEEPING IT REAL

Empowering Aboriginal Children,  
Families and Communities

## AbSec Conference 2017 (DAY TWO – WORKERS)

Thursday 23 November 2017

Time	Outline	Speaker
8:30am	Registrations	
9:05am–9:30am	Day two welcome and open	
9:30am–11am	<b>Keynote address</b> Jocelyn Formsma, Indigenous Children's Rights and Youth Engagement Advocate, Canada, & Caleb Turner, Youth Council Representative from Moose Cree First Nation, Canada	
<b>Morning tea 11am–11:15am</b>		
11:15am–12:30pm	<b>1</b> » How connections can make a difference to Aboriginal homelessness » Preventing exits into homelessness for Aboriginal care leavers: a call for culturally appropriate models of service provision	Cheryl Barnes, Wentworth Community Housing & Trevor Walker, Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless & Rehabilitation Community Services
	<b>2</b> Redefining Aboriginal community control and shifting the power back into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, families and children	Nadia Currie, QATSICPP
	<b>3</b> Accreditation & the Carers Register – What, why and how we do it?	Briallen Dillen, Allison Prior, Stella Cue, Office of the Children's Guardian
	<b>4</b> Voices of Aboriginal children & young people in NSW	Andrew Johnson, NSW Advocate for Children & Young People
<b>Lunch 12:30pm–1pm</b>		
1pm–2pm	Being child safe is everybody's business	Janet Schorer, NSW Children's Guardian
2pm–3pm	Industry Development Strategy	Eleri Morgan-Thomas, Department of Family and Community Services & Tim Ireland, CEO AbSec
<b>Afternoon Tea 3pm–3:15pm</b>		
3:15pm–4:30pm	<b>1</b> Education and intersections with Aboriginal children and families	Trisha Ladogna, Department of Education and Communities
	<b>2</b> Jarjums Program	Ruth Callaghan & Kim Davies, Northcott
	<b>3</b> Targeted Earlier Intervention	Anthony Shannon, Department of Family and Community Services
	<b>4</b> National Disability Insurance Scheme – Preparation and planning	Lynne Hudson & Ann Murphy, My Choice Matters
<b>END OF DAY TWO WORKERS CONFERENCE – 4:30pm</b>		

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9:00am	Day three welcome and open	
9:05am–10.30am	Looking to the future for Aboriginal children and families in NSW	Tim Ireland, CEO AbSec and others
<b>Morning tea 10.30am–10.55am</b>		
11.00am–12pm	<b>1</b> Challenges of leadership in a community sector environment	Scott Wesley, Wesley Consulting
	<b>2</b> Knowledge circles: Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through giving voice and real participation	Candice Butler & Nadia Currie, QATSICPP
	<b>3</b> Art therapy for Aboriginal children	Ben Rockett, KidsXpress
	<b>4</b> Health intersections with Aboriginal families, children and young people	Sharnee Townsend & Emily Goldsmith, NSW Ministry of Health
<b>Lunch 12pm–12:30pm</b>		
12:30pm–1:30pm	<b>1</b> Justice intersections with Aboriginal children and young people	Judge Stephen Coates, Federal Circuit Court of Australia
	<b>2</b> The NDIS and its intersections with out-of-home care and mental health	Mick Scarcella, AbSec
	<b>3</b> Policy hack-a-thon	Paul Gray, AbSec
1:30pm–2:30pm	AbSec wrap-up	Paul Gray, AbSec
<b>CLOSED and Afternoon Tea available in foyer</b>		
<b>CONFERENCE END – 2:30pm</b>		

Conference schedule updated 16 November 2017  
Please note that scheduled items may be altered without notice.