

# AbSec Report Card on the performance of the NSW Government – Family and Community Services



**REPORTING PERIOD: 30 JUNE 2016**

## NUMBER OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE



30 June 2015	30 June 2016
5,072	5,568
<b>↑ 9.8% increase</b>	
The average change in % over previous 3 years: <b>7.9% increase</b>	

## NUMBER OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN RETURNING HOME



30 June 2015	30 June 2016
297	264
<b>↓ 11.1% decrease</b>	
The average change in % over previous 3 years: <b>0.1% decrease</b>	

## NUMBER OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN REPORTED AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM



30 June 2015	30 June 2016
15,913	17,052
<b>↑ 7.2% increase</b>	
The average change in % over previous 3 years: <b>8.4% increase</b>	

## NUMBER OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN RECEIVING AN INTENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICE



30 June 2015	30 June 2016
5,610	5,770
<b>↑ 2.9% increase</b>	
The average change in % over previous 3 years: <b>7.3% increase</b>	

## OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN PLACED WITH ABORIGINAL FAMILY/KIN



30 June 2015	30 June 2016
51.5%	50.2%
<b>↓ 1.3% decrease</b>	
The average change in % over previous 3 years: <b>8.4% decrease*</b>	

The evidence shows the NSW Government must improve both effort and application in order to achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal children young people, their families and communities across NSW.

### Areas for improvement

- ▶ Aboriginal Child and Family Body – a body empowered to review cases, audit practice and monitor outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people to deliver commissioning for outcomes approaches tailored to the needs of Aboriginal communities.
- ▶ Aboriginal children in the child protection and out-of-home care systems are connected to family, community, culture and country and are safely supported by culturally embedded approaches through Aboriginal community controlled organisations.
- ▶ Tailored, child and family-centred, holistic supports that are delivered as needed, not just at crisis, as a package of support across the continuum, rather than through programmatic design creating inflexible practice.
- ▶ A robust (good governance, well-resourced, sustainable) network of Aboriginal community controlled organisations delivering quality services in community.

\*Disclaimer: Changes in the data with the introduction of guardianship orders in the 2014/15 period affects this calculation