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Partnerships and Engagement Manager

Michelle Rogers

Early Childhood Education

Targeted Early Intervention

Casework Support Services

Intensive Family Preservation

Restoration

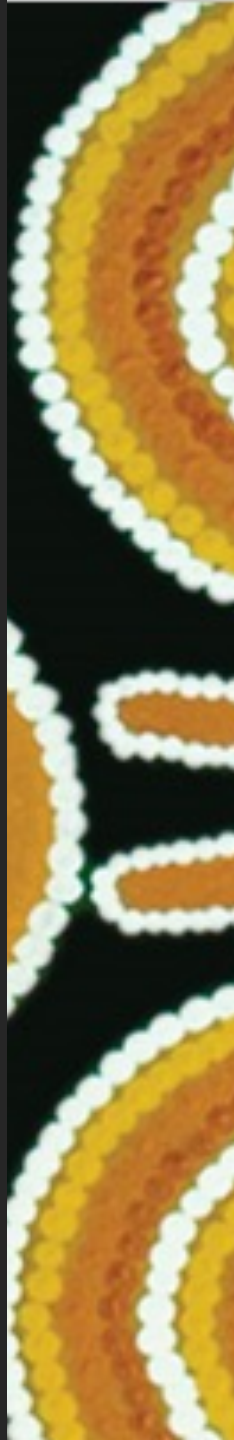
Guardianship

Kinship Care

Long term Care



Program





Building blocks

Genuine commitment to service to our
People, our way

Staff as active community People

Staffing representatives from across Nations

Sector relationships and networks

Invested in family led decision making

Gumaguy values

- **Confidentiality**
 - **Respect**
- **Cultural wisdom**
- **Dependability**
 - **Integrity**





Sitting together in pain:

Without expectation

Often without words

Dependability in presence

Connection builds safety and confidence

Listening without opinion



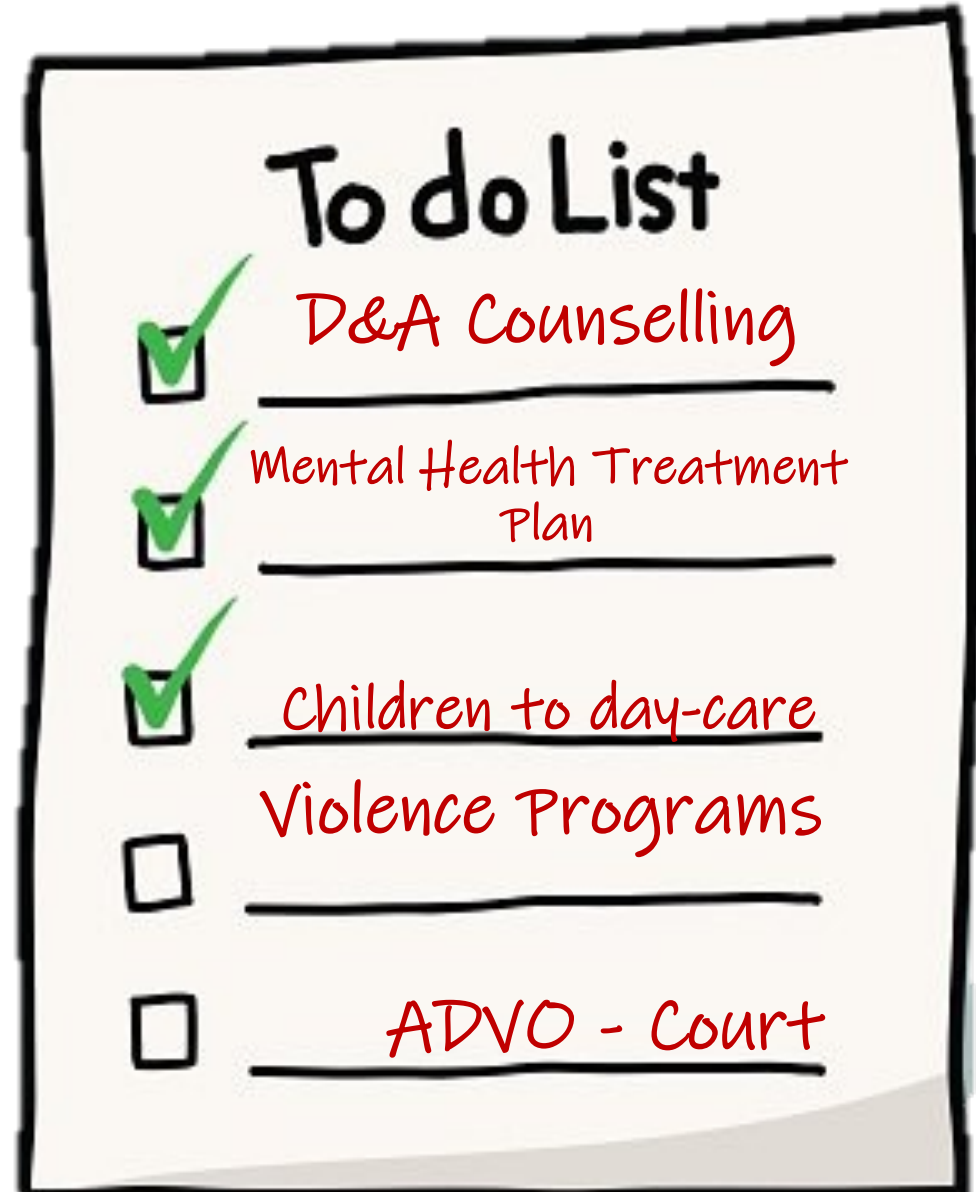
Communal Care





Family Struggles

- Violence in-home
- Mental Health Concerns
- Drug / Alcohol abuse
- Poverty
- Poor visibility in community
- Neglect
- Sexual assault
- Grief / Loss
- Disconnection
- And the list continues...





Shift the prescription

Using Connections for support of all family members

Family Led Decision Making

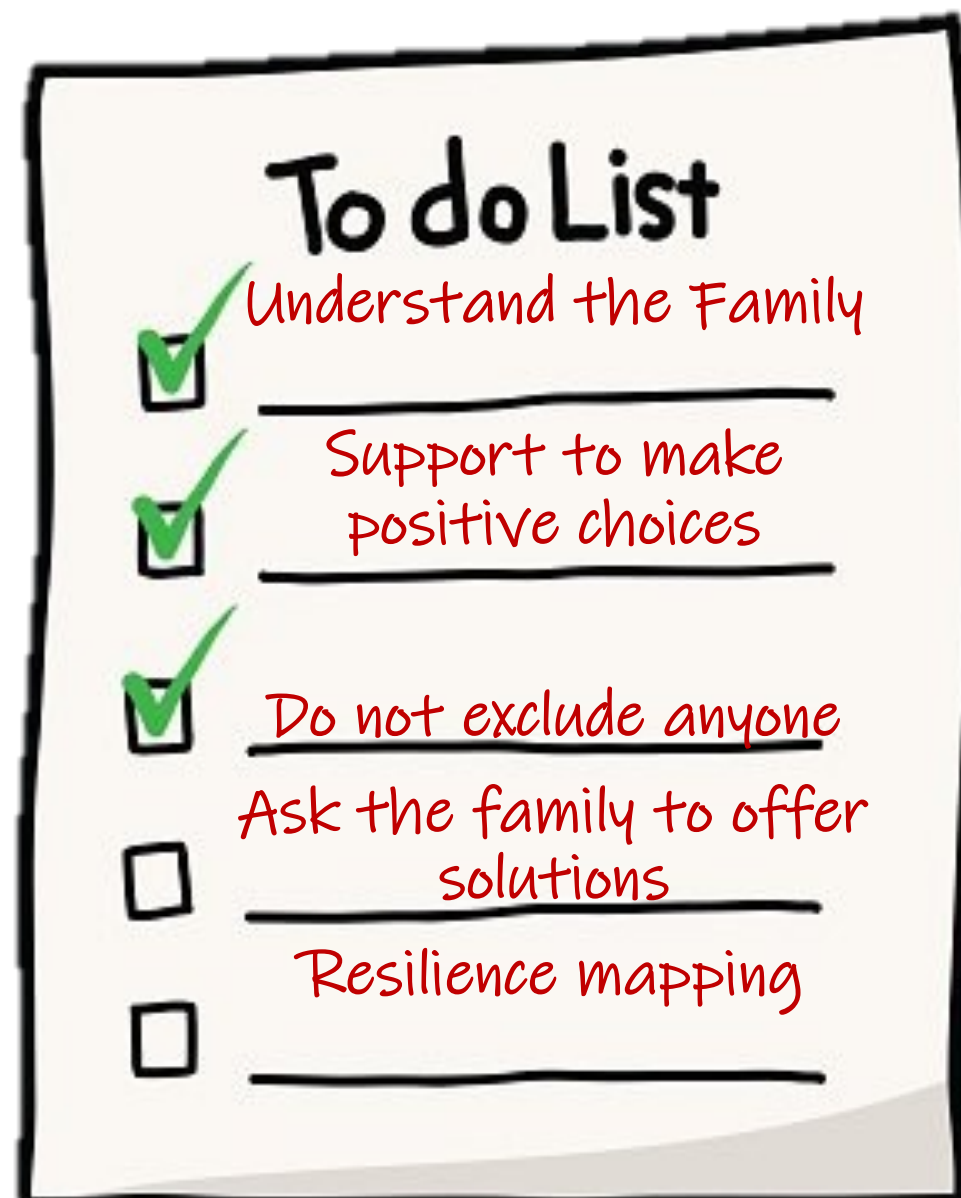
Yarning circles

Dignity through Choice

Identifying opportunity to empower change

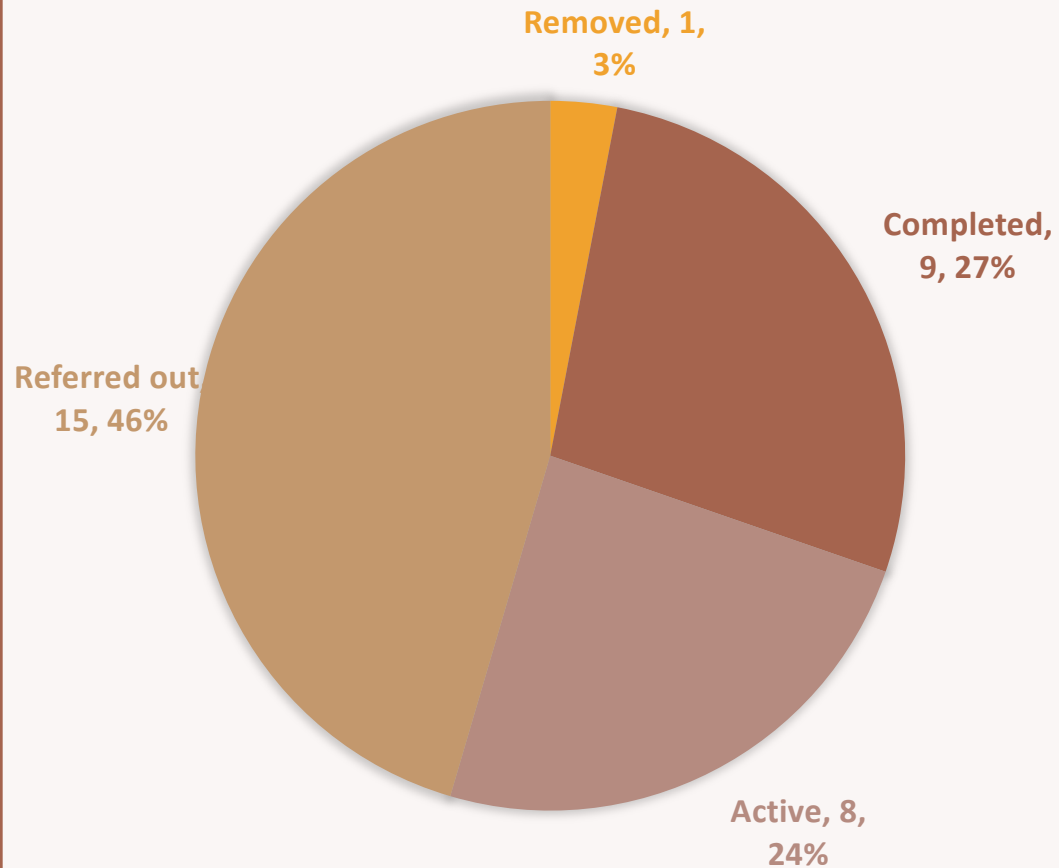
Supporting service matches for families – giving families permission to locate alternatives

Understanding the causes of family violence

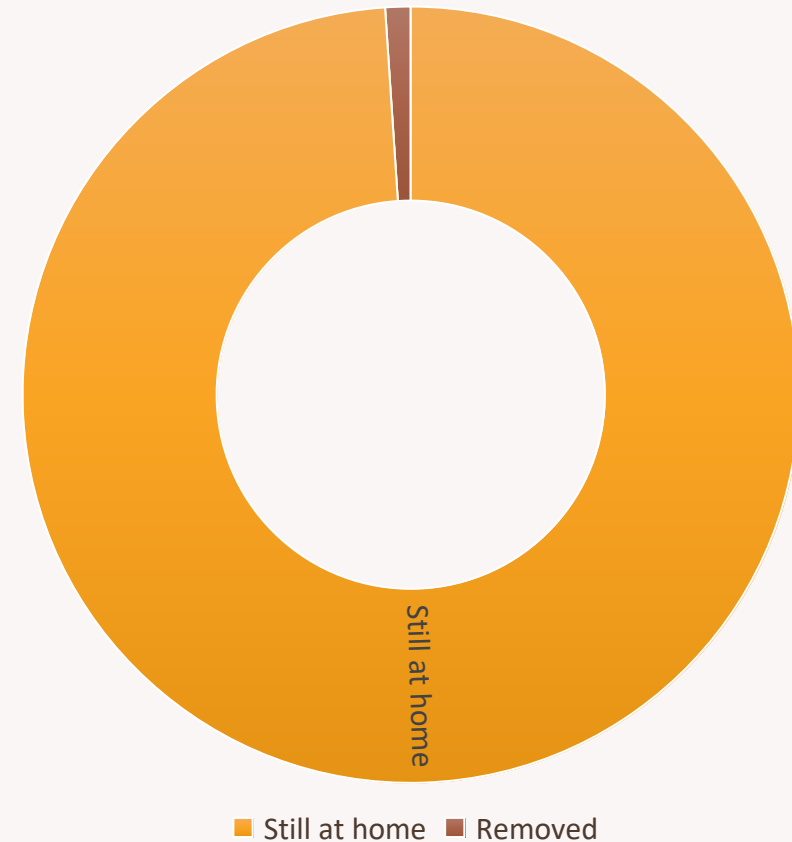


Quick Stats – since inception late 2019

FAMILY STATS



Jarjum Outcomes



Some Key Challenges

Housing

Staffing

COVID (2020)

Floods (2022)

DCJ practices

Next 12 months

Extension of the program x 2

Workforce Development Orders

Enhanced Family led decision making choices

Family Law (FLC way)
Family Group Conferencing (State CP)
Yarning Circles (Community way)



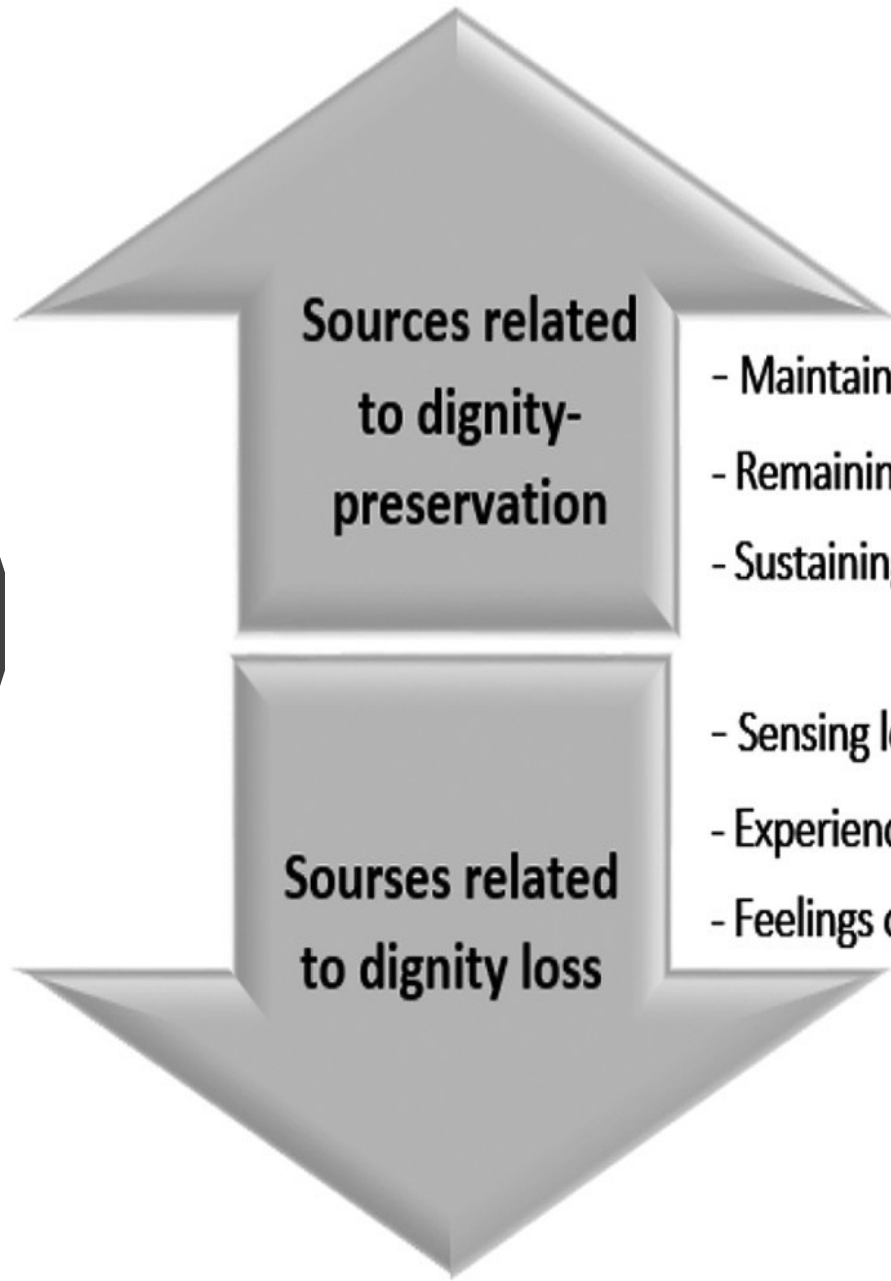
Our families

**Their way,
Their space,
Their pace**





Dignity



Sources related to dignity-preservation

- Maintaining one's self-concept
- Remaining hopeful
- Sustaining freedom of choice

Sources related to dignity loss

- Sensing loss of human value
- Experiencing absence of gentleness
- Feelings of being treated as an object



Our families say:

Gumaguy Way

'Thank you from the XXX family. We are going to miss working with you guys'

(worker) 'was great always responsive and easy to get along with and very understanding'

'you guys listened to what the parents want'

'We got a new house, bub sleeps all night now'

'The house looks and feels so much better and we have become a much happier family'



National Strategic
framework for
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Peoples
mental health and
social and emotional
wellbeing 2017-2023



Family is Culture



FAMILY IS CULTURE

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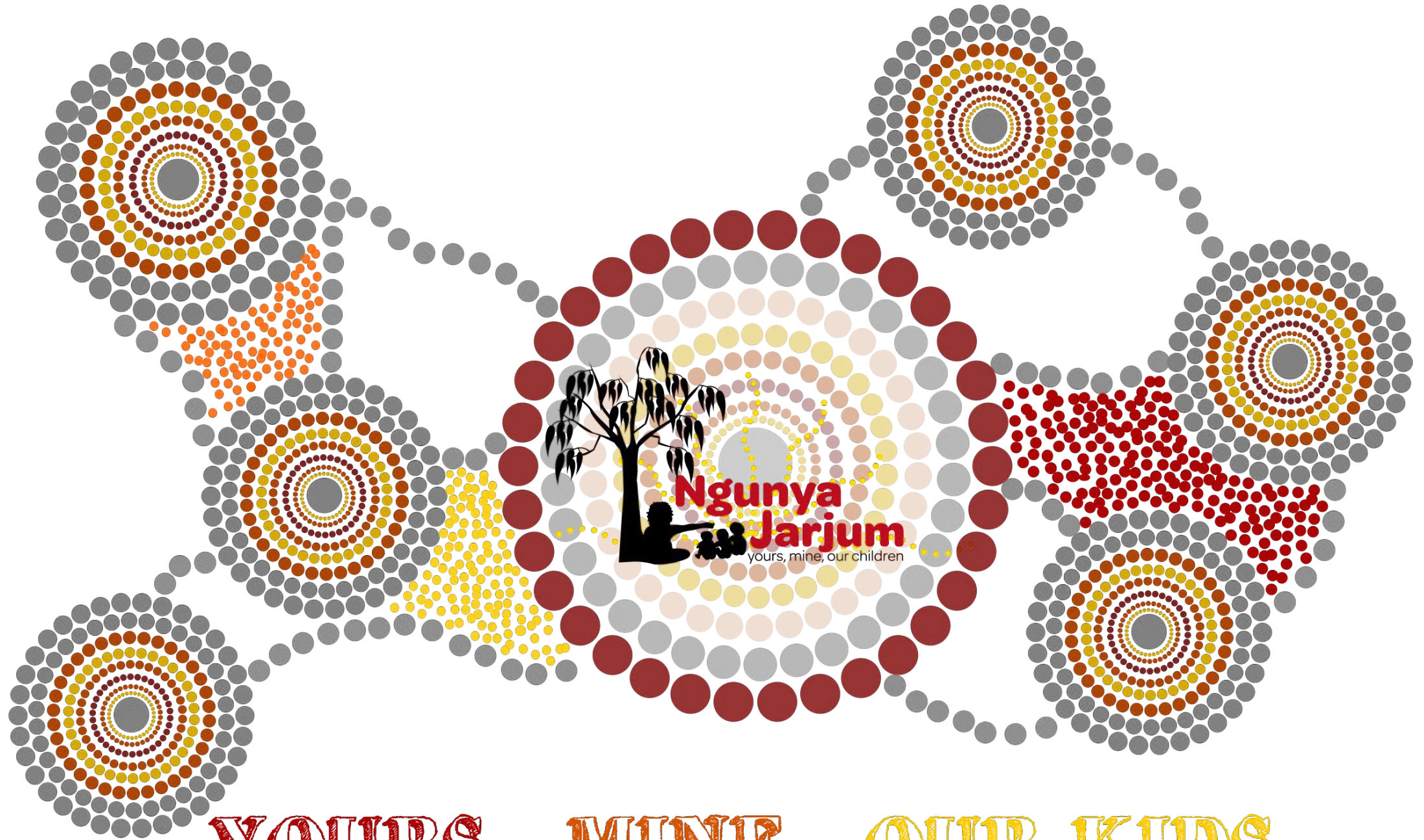
INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OOHIC



Aboriginal Case Management Policy (NSW)



- Family led decision making
- Promotes safety and well-being
- Values community involvement, including self-determination and advocacy
- Culturally embedded case management
- Prevent harm and preserve families
- Accountable to Aboriginal communities for outcomes



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