

# ABOUT ABSEC

AbSec – NSW Child, Family and Community Peak Aboriginal Corporation, is the peak Aboriginal organisation within the child and family sector in NSW. AbSec is committed to advocating on behalf of Aboriginal children, families, carers and communities, and to ensure they have access to the services and supports they need to keep Aboriginal children safe and provide them the best possible opportunities to fulfil their potential through Aboriginal community controlled organisations.

Central to this vision is the need to develop a tailored approach to Aboriginal child and family supports delivering universal, targeted and tertiary services within communities that cover the entire continuum of care and reflect the broader familial and community context of clients. Such services and supports would operate to mitigate risk factors or vulnerabilities thereby reducing the need for more intensive or invasive interventions, as well as ensuring that tailored and critical Aboriginal out-of-home care and after care services are provided to intervene in the cycle of disadvantage that continue to impact generations of Aboriginal families.

Our vision is that Aboriginal children and young people are looked after in safe, thriving Aboriginal families and communities, and are raised strong in spirit and identity, with every opportunity for lifelong wellbeing and connection to culture surrounded by holistic supports.

In working towards this vision, we are guided by these principles:

- o acknowledging and respecting the diversity and knowledge of Aboriginal communities;
- acting with professionalism and integrity in striving for quality, culturally responsive services and supports for Aboriginal families;
- ounderpinning the rights of Aboriginal people to develop our own processes and systems for our communities, particularly in meeting the needs of our children and families;
- being holistic, integrated and solutions-focused through Aboriginal control in delivering for Aboriginal children, families and communities; and
- © committing to a future that empowers Aboriginal families and communities, representing our communities, and the agencies there to serve them, with transparency and drive.



### CEO WELCOME

On behalf of our dedicated team and the AbSec Board, I would like to warmly invite you to support our 2023 conference.

The biennial AbSec conference is a key event for those working with Aboriginal children and families in this state. This event is a vital opportunity to put the focus firmly on Aboriginal kids.

For every non-Indigenous child removed from their home by NSW child protection authorities in 2022, over 8,000 of our children and young people are in out-of-home-care in our state. This number represents three a day.

With the NSW state election being held this year, it is crucial that we all come together to discuss what the future looks like, in real terms.

In this year alone, AbSec has been an important part of the new Closing the Gap agreement, has advocated for change in the Family Preservation space and has represented community organisations to ensure policy changes are made for the benefit of Aboriginal families.

This is why our work is so important. It's crucial that we re-design child protection to meet the specific needs of Aboriginal families. The future needs to be shaped by community for community. This can only be achieved through the empowerment and self-determination of Aboriginal people, drawing from our expertise and lived experience. While we'll be discussing many things at the conference, this is the core message.

Yet, we can't hold this important event without the support of our generous partners. I invite you to join us in being part of long overdue system change. Our organisation and the communities we represent look forward to partnering with you.

John Jeha

Chief Executive Officer, AbSec





# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

#### The event

Our 2019 conference was the largest NSW Aboriginal Child & Family Conference to date, with over 350 delegates registered. Attendees came from across the state and country, and included keynote speakers Dr June Oscar AO and Hon Linda Burney MP.

Our conference theme this year will be 'Healing our Sector'. While we'll discuss strategies for involving Aboriginal youth, families and communities in developing services and systemic change; we'll also be using the conference to perform an industry health check, giving our sector a chance to be heard and discuss methods of self-care and improvement during a time of unprecedented change, upheaval and environmental challenges.

This year's conference aims to also share best practices, celebrate our achievements and set future directions for delivering better outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people and their families and communities.

It is also an opportunity to share the latest research developments in developing Aboriginal-led and culturally informed evidence based frameworks and models, and showcase strategies for involving Aboriginal youth, families and communities in developing services and policies that lead to system change.

### Who should attend?

This is an opportunity for communities, practitioners, managers, leaders and planners to share best practices and hear from other experts in the field as well as one another on the latest research and advocacy efforts to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children and their families.

#### The venue

ICC Sydney is located in the Darling Harbour, the centre of the Sydney central business district and just 8 km from the Sydney International Airport. ICC Sydney is positioned on the waterfront, near Cockle Bay and Tumbalong Park.

It features multiple public access points, with the option of visiting the precinct via a choice of walking or transport options including, road, light rail, train and ferry.

ICC Sydney presents Australia's first fullyintegrated convention, exhibition and entertainment centre, underlining Sydney as one of the world's most desirable business meeting destinations.

# SPONSORSHIP

There is a range of options for your organisation to support the 2023 AbSec Conference, and we welcome both new and returning partners to this important event. AbSec is offering three levels of sponsorship for the 2023 Conference. Should you wish to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact our office as all sponsorship agreements are to be finalised by 30 April 2023.

#### **GOLD SPONSOR** \$100K

- Recognition as a Gold Major Sponsor on all conference publications
- Prime recognition & branding on AbSec conference website with hyperlink
- Prime recognition & branding in AbSec conference app
- Signage provided by you for display in conference rooms and Conference Dinner
- One display space at the conference venue
- Four complimentary registrations to the conference
- Announcements acknowledging you as a Gold Major Sponsor

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- Two complimentary registrations to the conference
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- Display space at the conference venue
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- Announcements acknowledging you as a **Bronze Sponsor**

### How to confirm your organisation's commitment to sponsoring the AbSec conference

#### Payments can be made by:

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - Please email events@absec.org.au with advice of EFT

BSB: 062-006

Account No: 104 278 41

EFT Reference: Invoice number and Company name

• Cheque – made payable to AbSec – NSW Child, Family and Community Peak Aboriginal Corporation

Should you wish to discuss the conference or sponsorship further please contact our office on (02) 9559 5299 or email events@absec.org.au.

Tax receipts and invoices - Confirmation of your sponsorship and a tax receipt of payment will be forwarded to you by email, once payment is received.

# **EXHIBITORS**

AbSec is seeking interested businesses and organisations to partner with us for the upcoming **NSW Aboriginal, Child & Family Conference for 2023** by having an exhibitor's table.

An exhibitor's table provides you the opportunity to engage with conference participants and promote the work your organisation/business is undertaking in 2023. It is also a great opportunity to network with a number of key stakeholders in the sector across the state.

To lock in an exhibitor table please complete the registration form below.

Organisation/Company Name:	
Contact Person Full Name:	
Contact Person Position:	
Address:	
Phone: Email:	
Special Dietary Requirements:	
Access Requirements:	
Public Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation is requested of all Exhibitors	
EXHIBITION BOOKING OPTIONS	
2 DAYS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY Includes 2 chairs, a trestle table & table cloth, access to power, morning/ afternoon tea & lunch on both days, plus small advertisement and logo in conference booklet.	\$1500 (PLUS GST)
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### NSW Aboriginal, Child & Family Conference 2023

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