



**In 2019 QATSICPP will celebrate 10 years since its establishment. What an exciting year to look back over the significant and important achievements of QATSICPP and our Sector; a Sector built upon the strength and resilience of cultural leaders, practice experts, innovators and advocates who work tirelessly to ensure that the voice of our children are represented, heard and acted upon.**

This year is already shaping up to be another year of important change for our Sector, for the benefit of our children, young people, families and communities. On a State level, the Queensland Child Protection Reform Amendment Act is now implemented; thirty-three (33) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child and Family Wellbeing Services have now been funded and are up and running state-wide; the

inception of the newly funded Family Participation Program will support the primary principle that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the right to self-determination, which will make real and meaningful impact for our children, their families and communities; and the newly appointed Queensland First Children and Families Board will oversee the implementation of the “*Our Way – A generational strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families 2017-2037*” and “*Changing Tracks – An Action Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families 2017-2019*”.

The first cohort of students have now completed the *Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Practice Standards (7050HSV)* at Griffith University, a Sector driven post-graduate qualification which formalises the work that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been doing with families in their communities for many years.

On a National level we have seen the recent launch of the *Fourth Action Plan (2018-2020)* under the *National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children (2009-2020)*, which includes a stand-alone priority on improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at risk of entering, or in contact with child protection systems.

We will continue to focus on ensuring accountability for the “industry” that dominates delivery of services to our communities and continue to advocate strongly that it is our families, communities and their organisations that need to lead and be appropriately resourced to build the future that our children envision and aspire to.

We thank you for your unwavering

commitment and look forward to working together for better outcomes for our children, young people, families and communities. As always, please feel free to get in touch with any of the QATSI CPP team, Council Members or Board of Directors.

In Unity,  
Natalie

### QATSI CPP Members' Conference 'Save the Date'



ChildProtectionPeak

Mark the week of **24-28 June 2019** in your calendars as a full week of events have been planned to focus on the strengths and successes of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Sector.

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### Kalwun Family Participation Program 'Building Solid Families'



From 1 November 2018, the new Family Participation Program (FPP) commenced throughout Queensland replacing the Recognised Entity (RE) role. The South East Queensland Family Participation Program is delivered by Kalwun, ATSI CHS Brisbane and Mununjali within their allocated areas, with Kalwun covering the Gold Coast area.

The common goal of the service is to empower families to participate in decisions about their children at multiple points over the period of their engagement with the child protection system.

[READ MORE ABOUT KALWUN](#)

## **Working Together to Ensure Equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children in the Early Years Position Paper**

Prepared by SNAICC – National Voice for our Children and [Early Childhood Australia \(ECA\)](#), the position paper, and longer discussion paper, highlight key issues that impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the early years, and makes recommendations to government and policy makers on critical actions to progress equality.

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## **The Fourth Action Plan of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children (2009 – 2020)**

The [Fourth Action Plan \(2018-2020\)](#) under the National Framework was endorsed by

Commonwealth, state and territory Ministers in December 2018 and recently launched by the Federal Government in late January 2019.

This is the first Action Plan under the Framework that has a standalone focus on improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are either at risk of entering, or in contact with child protection systems.

At the recent launch, Assistant Minister for Children and Families, Michelle Landry said, “This is in recognition of the fact that the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out- of-home care is ten times that of non-Indigenous children”.

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FAMILY  
PARTICIPATION  
PROGRAM



## **FPP Induction & AFLDM Training**

This article is a reflective piece that will cover the Family Participation Program (FPP) Induction Workshops and Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM) training, primarily because I started back at QATSCIPP during the first week of FPP Inductions and it was a busy process to be a part of. The FPP Induction training was held in October 2018 at Rockhampton, Ipswich, Townsville, Sunshine Coast, North Brisbane and Cairns. The AFLDM-SNAICC Training closely followed the FPP Inductions in November-December, and QATSCIPP also provided feedback to the Department on the FPP Funding and Program Guidelines in November.



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## **Member organisations set to receive SNAICC Family-led Decision Making Facilitator Guide**

Following participation at SNAICC's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family-led Decision Making Train the Trainer workshop at State Library of Queensland last December, organisations are set to receive training resources (electronic and hard copy) by end of February.

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## **Family-Led Decision Making Facilitator Guide**



## Parenting Programs Make a Difference to Cairns Families



Wuchopperen Health Service Limited has been providing a variety of parenting programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the Cairns region to develop parenting skills and reduce the prevalence of mental health, emotional and behavioural problems in children.

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**Reflections on the Collaboration  
between**

# QATSICPP and Griffith University

## *“Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Protection Practice Standards”*

Over the past 12 months I have been privileged to work with QATSICPP staff and staff from the Griffith University First Peoples Health Unit as we designed and delivered this brand new course for 2018/2019. At Griffith University a course is what we call a single subject.

*Article provided by: Glenn Woods, Course Convenor, School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith University.*

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THE QATSICPP  
STUDENT HUB



## **An opportunity for the sector**

Candice Butler, our Senior Practice Leader, is working on the development of the following projects in 2019 which will aim to provide an opportunity for engagement of future students, enhancing your supervision story and mentoring.

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GROWING UP WITH  
**STRONG**  
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AND CONNECTION



## 8th SNAICC National Conference 2019

*“Growing up with strong identity, culture  
and connection”*

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## Legal Aid’s Child Protection Early Intervention Program

The child protection system can be difficult for vulnerable parents to navigate, particularly in the early stages of involvement by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women. At times, community-based support agencies may be working with parents who urgently need legal advice and assistance about child protection issues.

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QATSICPP Training Update

Practice Standards workshops  
and Supervision Frameworks

## Training & other Professional Development Opportunities

Over the upcoming weeks, QATSICPP will be planning workshops focusing on QATSICPP Practice Standards and Supervision Framework.

Other training opportunities that are available include Family Lead Decision Making Training Support and QATSICPP Webinars

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# TAIHS

**Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Service**

**TAIHS Family Participation Program Townsville**

It is widely recognised that the statutory system hasn't always been effective at addressing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children entering the child protection system, and that this situation continues to occur at an unsustainable rate.

The TAIHS Family Participation Program (FPP) team aims to address the current situation by working with families to assist them to better understand child protection concerns and to ensure they have a say when important decisions about their family are being made.

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## **Your HSQF demonstration method based on your funding and service type is ‘self-assessable’**

*What does this mean and what are you required to do?*

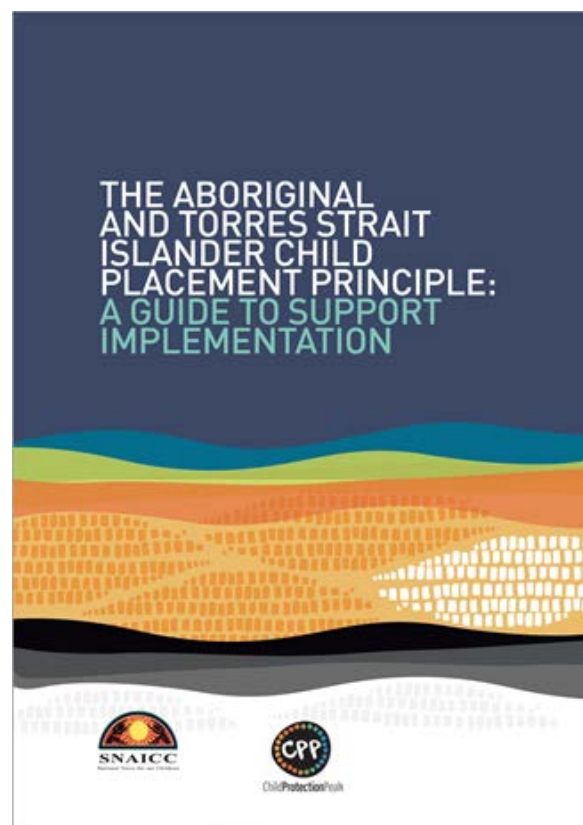
We hope you enjoyed the two previous articles ‘Introduction to the HSQF’ in the August 2018 edition of the QATSICPP newsletter, and ‘You are required to be certified under the Human Services Quality Framework – what happens now?’ published in November 2018.

In this next part of the series, we will be providing information specifically for those

organisations that have a demonstration method of 'Self-Assessable', what you are required to do, and some tips to help you navigate the process.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

## **The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle: A guide to support implementation.**



***New resource: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle: A guide to support implementation.***

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle (the ATSICPP) aims to keep children connected to their families, communities, cultures and country, and to ensure the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in decisions about their children's care and protection. The ATSICPP centres on five elements: prevention, partnership, participation, placement and connection.

Traditionally, jurisdictions across Australia have primarily focussed on the placement element of the ATSI CPP. SNAICC's new resource, *The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle: A guide to support implementation*, aims to support a holistic understanding, and the full and uniform implementation of the ATSI CPP across the country. The guide provides information on best practice and examples from across the country of promising approaches to implementing each of the five elements of the ATSI CPP. The resource also has a section on identifying Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children, with timely identification a pre-requisite to applying the ATSI CPP.

The guide is designed to support practitioners and policy makers in the children and family sectors from all jurisdictions to develop strategies to improve their implementation of the ATSI CPP. Its content is strongly influenced by the expert knowledge and experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander agencies and leaders in the sector who provided their input to its drafting.

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## Speak Up

CREATE Foundation are partnering with QATSI CPP and other organisations for a Speak Up Workshop in coming months.

Speak Up is a workshop that empowers young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people (who have a care



experience) to grow in leadership, explore culture and have a voice within the care system. Some of the young people who attended the workshop last year have shared their stories, hopes and concerns with professionals in the care sector, making a difference for other young people in care.

**Do you know a young person with a care experience who has important thoughts to share? Please contact [andrew.foley@create.org.au](mailto:andrew.foley@create.org.au) or (07) 33176020 for more details.**

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