



Towards a cultural respectful child protection framework

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Beyond Cultural Competency



- Cultural Respect Framework
- Cultural Competency



Key features of a Cultural Respect Framework



- the rights of children, their families and communities
- acknowledges and links the historical and political background to the disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- supports the continued advancement of independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child protection and family support services



Features of Cultural Competency



- Improving service delivery and outcomes
 - integration and transformation of knowledge into standards, policies and practice
 - Measuring performance
 - Accountability



Examples of existing models



- *“National Cultural Respect Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health”*.
- It acknowledges that to have a real impact on outcomes, there is a need for “a concerted effort across a number of dimensions to systemically lift the cultural competency of mainstream health services”



The Differences



- The concept of Cultural Competency is to improve the cross cultural skills and abilities of service providers in responding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
- Cultural Respect as defined by the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council (AHMAC), "is the Recognition, protection and continued advancement of the inherent rights, cultures and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples"



Where to from here?



- Development of a Cultural Respect framework, (that supports the concepts of Culturally Respectful system)
- Greater commitment and acknowledgment of the critical role of the independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander agencies have in child protection and family support services.

