

## Families SA

### Why should I report child abuse?

Child abuse can happen to any child in any family. It hurts and can have lasting, damaging effects. Some children even die because of child abuse.

Children are powerless to protect themselves from abuse and neglect and will only be protected if responsible adults do something on their behalf.

Reporting child abuse to us is the first step in stopping the abuse and protecting children from further harm.

Sometimes, children are being hurt because:

- Families/carers do not have enough support
- Families/carers are experiencing a lot of stress like unemployment, illness, isolation or loneliness.
- Parent/s may not have experienced any examples of non-abusive families.

If you report abuse Families SA has the chance to help Aboriginal families in situations where a child or children may be at risk.

### Any questions?

Call Yaitya Tirramangkotti

Phone 8203 0470

Fax 8362 3977

or the Child Abuse Report Line

Phone 13 14 78

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GPO Box 292

Adelaide SA 5001

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#### A Better Way For Aboriginal Children

Offering advice and assistance if child abuse and neglect occurs



Child's drawing selected from artwork of children at Kaurna Plains school

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# Yaitya Tirramangkotti

Yaitya Tirramangkotti is a service offered by Families SA which provides advice and assistance in any child abuse or neglect cases involving Aboriginal children.

The name Yaitya Tirramangkotti means "people of prevention". Kurna Elders presented the name to Families SA at a Kurna ceremony. Kurna people are the original inhabitants of the central Adelaide Plains.

## Run by Aboriginal people, for Aboriginal people

Staffed by Aboriginal people, Yaitya Tirramangkotti makes sure that everything is done to involve Aboriginal families and help them care for their children in ways that are culturally appropriate.

If child abuse or neglect of an Aboriginal child happens, the Yaitya team are there to offer support and advice.

Call Yaitya Tirramangkotti Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm 8203 0470

Or

Child Abuse Report Line 24 hours a day, everyday of the year 13 14 78

All calls are kept confidential

## What happens when I call Yaitya Tirramangkotti or the Child Abuse Report Line?

Suspected cases of abuse or neglect are reported to the nearest Families SA District Office. Social workers from the district centre may visit the child and family to follow up the concerns.

If a child is in immediate danger an investigation will occur within 24 hours, and may also involve the help of police and hospitals.

When the risk to a child appears to be less serious, families may be invited to discuss the concerns about the child. They will also be offered assistance so they can better care for their children.

In all cases, Yaitya Tirramangkotti's Aboriginal workers will give advice and information to the Families SA District Centre and take into account the child's and family's cultural background.

## Tips for callers

- So that we can provide help quickly, please remember the following tips:
- Do you know the child's name, age and address?
- Can you describe the injury/abuse/neglect either current or previous?
- Do you know of the child's current situation?
- Do you know where the child, parent, caregiver and alleged abuser are located?
- When did you find out about the abuse?
- Do you know the Clan group of the child?

If you do not know all of the above information, you are still encouraged to call Yaitya Tirramangkotti if you have concerns about a child.