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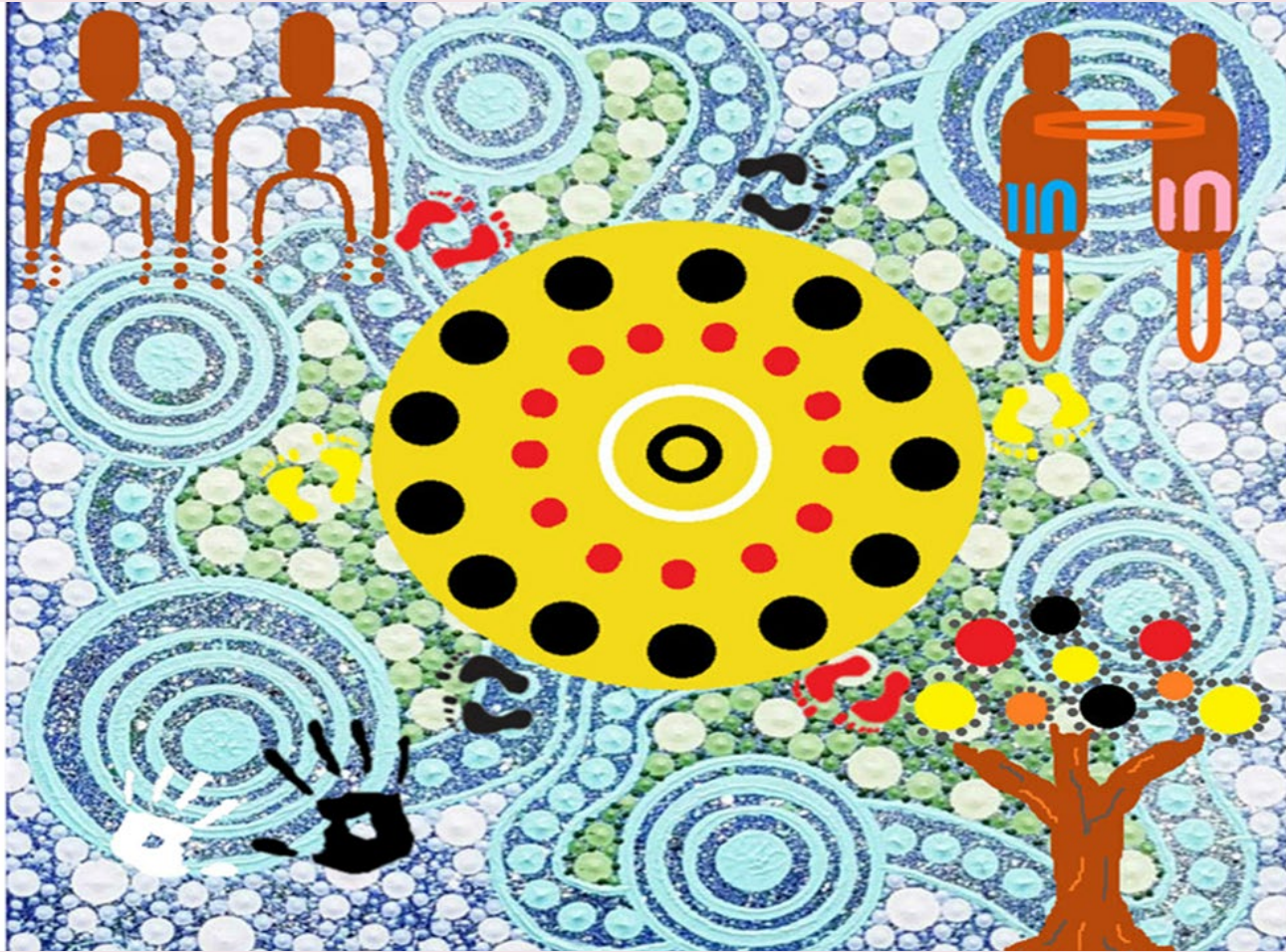
Family Preservation Recommissioning

Sector Forum

6 November 2024



Acknowledgment of Country



We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Nations Peoples of NSW and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future.

We also acknowledge that family is the cornerstone of Aboriginal culture, spirituality and identity.

Through our work we will strive to ensure Aboriginal children and young people grow up safe and cared for in family, community and culture.

Housekeeping

- **Facilitator:** Briana Jurgeit, Director Family Preservation and Child Protection.
- Welcome new attendees. For more information on Family Preservation Recommissioning, please visit the Family Preservation microsite.
- Please note the Family Preservation microsite will be updated post forum with information presented today, including the slide deck.



We are aware of new AI tools being used by some organisations that can be integrated with Microsoft Teams and enable features such as meeting recording. Please be mindful of these features being automatically enabled as **these meetings should not be recorded**. Family Preservation's protocol is to remove AI bots from the meeting.

Today's update



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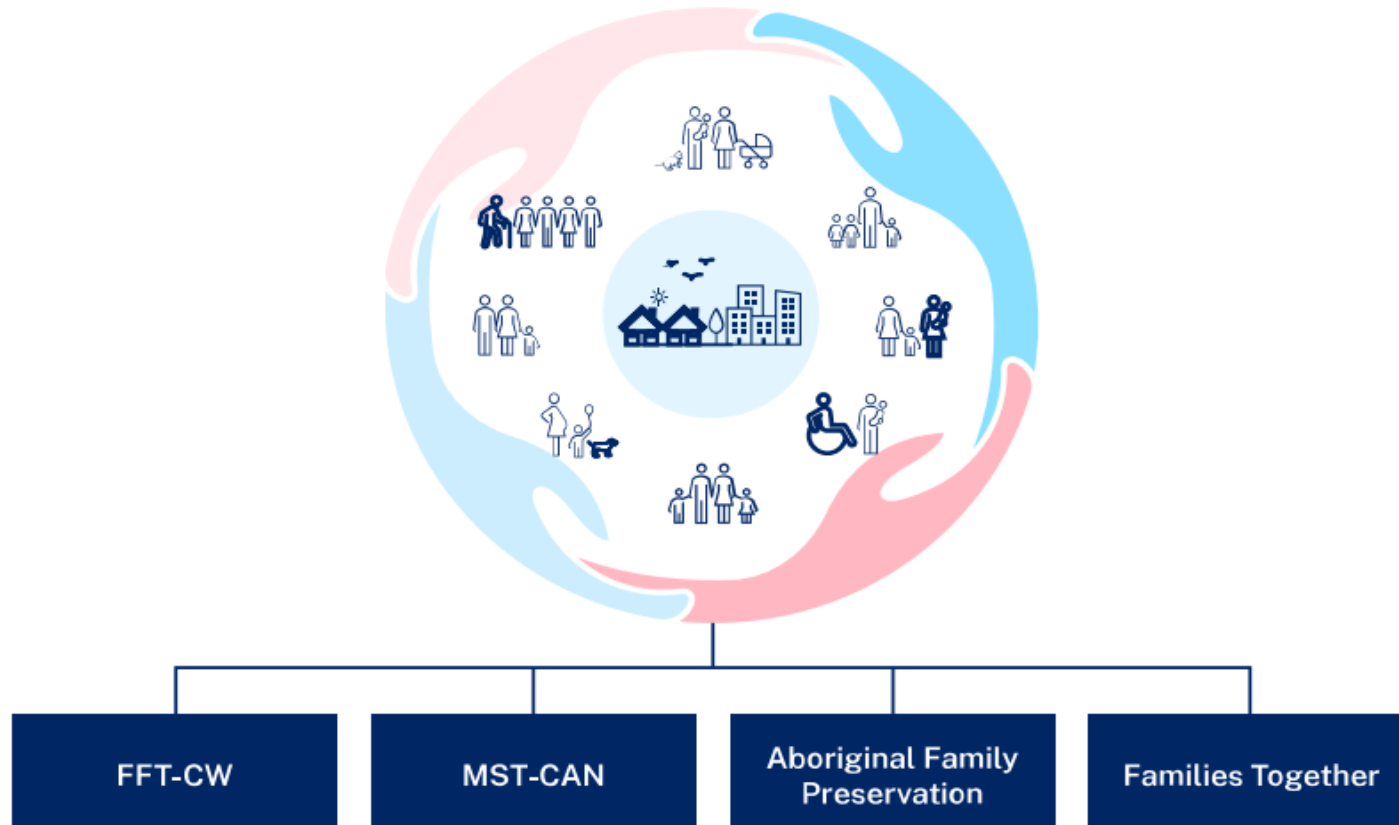
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Family Preservation Re-commissioning Update

Briana Jurgeit

Proposed suite of Family Preservation services

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We will no longer be commissioning

- Brighter Futures
- Youth Hope
- Resilient Families
- Intensive Family Preservation (IFP)
- Intensive Family Based Services (IFBS)
- Permanency Support Program (PSP) Family Preservation.

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DCJ Updates

Briana Jurgeit

Standardised Evaluation Analysis (StEvAn) tool

- Funded service providers were sent a brief survey to assess DCJ's understanding of program eligibility criteria and program allocation for a number of DCJ programs.
- This work is being conducted by the New South Wales Government Actuary, who is responsible for developing the Standardised Evaluation Analysis (StEvAn) tool.
- The survey is voluntary and open until COB Monday 15 November.
- For comments or feedback about the survey, please contact Bryan Neo at bryan.neo1@dcj.nsw.gov.au



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infoShare

Tod Brealey, infoShare team

Kylie Davison – Child and Family – System Reform Division

infoShare update

- Quarter 1 (July – September) data submission now overdue (31 October 2024).
- infoShare reports including the Family Preservation Program - Organisation Service delivery Report, is now live. This tool will assist with monitoring and review of data submission for providers as well as DCJ Contract Managers.
- Extension requests for data submission are to be made in the first instance to your DCJ Contract Manager. This request is assessed as outlined in the Family Preservation Data Collection – infoShare Platform Business Rules for External Family Preservation Service Providers December 2023, noting extensions are to be requested three weeks prior to the deadline and in the event of “exceptional circumstances”.



infoShare update

- Providers can find online support and video tutorial demonstrations for many common user issues in infoShare Instruct
- If providers are having access issues to the infoShare platform, please contact the infoShare team directly.



infoShare key contacts

Please contact FamilyPreservation@dcj.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions related to Family Preservation programs or the infoShare communications.

Please contact infoShare@dcj.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions about data submission, data fields, platform access etc.

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Interim Changes to Assessing Risk in Child Protection

Briana Jurgait

Interim approach to assessing risk in Child Protection



- The interim approach to assessing risk in child protection commenced 12 September 2024 with a 60-day grace period.
- As of 11 November 2024, risk assessments will no longer be available for use by DCJ caseworkers.
- For more information about the change and new assessment tools, please see resources on the Family Preservation website:
 - Presentation slides from the information sessions held 27 and 28 August 2024
 - Frequently Asked Questions - updated following monthly sector forum.
 - Family Preservation Programs - Summary of SARA to INOCAP criterion

On 17 October 2024 we shared the Interim approach to assessment practice manual and amended SDM Safety Assessment policy and procedure manual, to help build understanding of the new systems and processes and strengthen collaborative work between DCJ and service providers.

Please contact FamilyPreservation@dcj.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions or feedback related to the implementation of the interim approach to assessing risk.

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Peaks Update

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ACWA AGM

2:00pm - 4:00 pm Tuesday 26th November 2024, Sydney Masonic Centre

ACWA Family Preservation Collaborative

Change of date - Now 3:30pm - 4:30 pm Wednesday 20th November 2024

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On the horizon

Briana Jurgeit

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Topic	Announcement
Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety ANRA webinar: Indigenous methodologies	Wednesday 6 November: 12.00pm – 1.00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qlf3UHLpRJSU7Ek1IHyrhA#/registration
AIFS Emerging Minds Webinar - Supporting families to navigate tough times: The impact of financial and housing insecurity, isolation and discrimination	Wednesday 13 November 2024, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm https://aifs.gov.au/webinars/supporting-families-navigate-tough-times-impact-financial-and-housing-insecurity-isolation
AIFS: How to build a culturally safe workplace with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff	Wednesday 27 November 2024, 1:00 – 2:00PM https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3166189310642816859
Next Forum	4 th of December

How to get in touch

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<https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/deliver-services-to-children-and-families/family-preservation/communications-and-engaging-with-us.html>

