

Aboriginal Child and Family Centres

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Background

Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership Agreement. Three key elements:

1. Integration of Early Childhood Services through Children and Family Centres
2. Increased Access to Antenatal Care, Pre-Pregnancy and Teenage Sexual and Reproductive Health
3. Increased Access to, and use of, Maternal and Child Health Services by Indigenous Families

Background (cont.)

Nine Centres across NSW - \$74M

1. Blacktown (two Centres)
2. Campbelltown
3. Ballina
4. Gunnedah
5. Toronto
6. Nowra
7. Brewarrina
8. Lightning Ridge

Background (cont.)

- Key elements:
 - Early learning and care
 - Parent and family support services
 - Linkages with health services

Planning and governance

- Local Reference Groups responsible for decisions such as:
 - Vision for the Centre
 - Location and design
 - Service mix
 - Tender assessment

Why Campbelltown ?

- Area of high urban Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander Population.
- Aboriginal population is proportionately younger than the general population.
- There are 5 social housing estates managed by New South Wales Housing.
- Areas of considerable social disadvantage.
- Aboriginal families are the most disadvantaged.
- Most Aboriginal people living in Campbelltown are not traditionally from the area.

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The Journey So Far.....

Our Local Reference Group

- Communities making their own decisions.
- Members of the Local Reference Group
- An End of Year Celebration December 2009.
- Vision Statement
- Community Reference Group.

The Site

Importance of the Site

- Transport
- Suitability of the Site

Challenges

- LRG Membership
- Timeframes
- Tender Panel
- Expression of Interest
- Getting a Site

Opportunities

- LRG & LRG Chairperson
- Community Reference Group
- The Site
- Development of Workforce Strategy
- Strong Community Support for the Centre
- Strong Interest in the Centre

Challenges

Opportunities

Questions