



Family and Community Safety (FaCtS)

for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Study

What is this Research about?

The Australian National University is seeking partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to conduct research to find out what communities need to promote and improve safety for families. We want to partner and work with local organisations and community to make sure the research benefits the community.

The objectives of the study are to find out:

- (1) What services and supports are available to people and families affected by violence, and how these services and supports are valued by people in the community.
- (2) What communities think is needed to improve safety in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- (3) How violence affects relationships, health, wellbeing, education and employment.
- (4) How much Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities are affected by violence.

The study team are seeking interest from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisations in communities to be partners in the research.

Thinking about being involved?

Organisation and community involvement would mean:

- (1) Setting up a local advisory group. The advisory group guides how the study should be conducted in each community and monitor progress.
- (2) Running different parts of the research such as conducting surveys, interviews and workshops.

Money would be provided to the organisation/community to do this work.

What are the different parts of the Research?

The different parts of the study include:

- A survey of community members (male and female).
- Finding out what services, facilities and groups are available in the community.
- Interviews with community members and service providers.
- Providing information from the study to make decisions about services, programs and direction for improving community safety in each community.

Who at the ANU is involved in the Research?

This collaborative project is led by Professor Victoria Hovane (Ngarluma, Malignin/Kitja, Gooniyandi), along with Dr Raymond Lovett (Wongaibon, Ngiyampaa) and Dr Jill Guthrie (Wiradjuri) of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) and Professor Matthew Gray of the Centre for Social Research and Methods (CSRM). This study is led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The study is funded by the Department of Social Services.

How can I find out more?

Send us an email on facts.study@anu.edu.au or call 1800 290 633. More information about the study can be found here: <http://csrcm.cass.anu.edu.au/research/projects>