

## Our Service Area



*"Sharing our intimate knowledge of community enables the best outcomes for families"*

*- Craig Ardler CEO*

## Aboriginal Family Preservation



*"SUPPORTING OUR BOORIS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY"*

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## Who Are We?

We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled organisation providing health, wellbeing, and community services across the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Far South Coast, and Goulburn regions.

Guided by culture and connection, we deliver programs that support strong families, healthy communities, and the wellbeing of children and young people. This includes health care, child and family support, and community programs that strengthen connection and resilience.

We are a fully accredited agency under the Children's Guardian NSW child standards for permanent care. We are also accredited under the Australian Quality Improvement Council's Health and Community Services Standards by AAA-NZ.



## What is Family Preservation?

Our Aboriginal Family Preservation team is here to support Aboriginal children, young people, and their families with the goal of keeping families together.

- ✓ Support families to build on their strengths to provide safe, loving environments for their family.
- ✓ Connect families to community and natural support networks.
- ✓ Provide a culturally safe space for families to work on their goals.

*"My experience was absolutely amazing.  
I couldn't have asked for a better support,  
it was over and beyond what I was expecting.  
If I didn't understand something  
(when navigating the child protection system)  
I could ask anything and everything  
would be explained so I understood,  
I was never left in the dark."*

## How Do We Help Families?

We work with families in their homes to identify issues that are impacting them. We provide long term support with the goal of assisting parents to provide a safe environment and raise happy, healthy kids.

We assist families with:

- ✓ Developing and implementing family action plans
- ✓ Access to child care
- ✓ Access to other services as identified
- ✓ Access to cultural activities
- ✓ Transport needs
- ✓ A helping hand when needed
- ✓ Achieving their goals
- ✓ Parenting programs
- ✓ Mentoring

## How do I access these services?

Families choose to work with us voluntarily. Referrals can be made through the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) or via community referral pathways. For more information about referrals or how to access our services, please speak with a member of our team.