# Its Time for a Positive Change

Monitoring & Evaluation





#### Time for a Change

Time for change is about vulnerable people with complex needs who require complex support systems. We are convinced that basic human needs are the same everywhere and we all strive for the same thing. But when you are one of the many people playing a role in a person's care, it can be difficult to gain a holistic view of the individual. This can leave the people you are trying to help feeling unseen, unheard and disempowered in their own lives and care.

## Aboriginal Males Healing Centre

 AMHC has a long-term vested interest, in the well-being of First Nations men who use family violence, along with their family structures, that care for and support them.  Provision of fit for purpose infrastructure, and dynamic programming is essential for promoting the liveability of the 12-month healing & wellbeing program for First Nations men who use violence.

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- The Aboriginal Males Healing Centre (AMHC) is a first. Therefore, it was essential for the AMHC to develop and provide a Monitoring and evaluation system to separate the practices dedicated to the assessment of our organisation overall performance.
- Despite the clear evidence of high rates of family violence for many, there is no current empirical quantitative analysis available in Australia regarding the exact prevalence of family violence and associated responses within First Nation communities.

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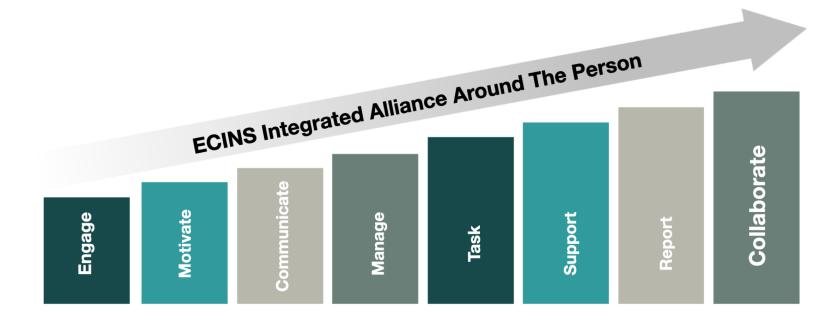
 International evidence gives context. But using the available international data as a proxy for what is happening in Australia is highly problematic and at best a distraction.  Instead, we should be focusing on developing and evaluating effective responses to family violence within our communities, underpinned by high-quality independent data.

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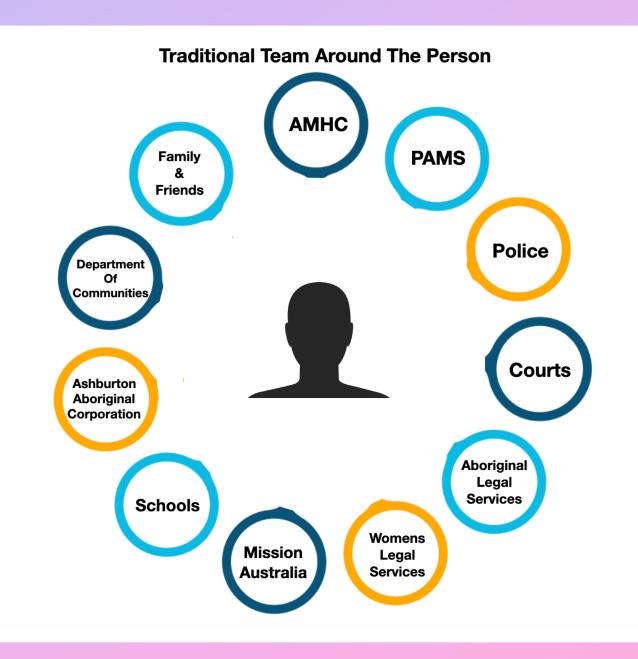
 However, it is unclear whether current research evidence, are applicable to the Australian context, as very few evaluations have been conducted in Australia and those evaluations that have been undertaken have significant methodological limitations. It is clear, however, that a multitude of factors, such as those associated with program characteristics, program contexts, and evaluation research design, can influence the effectiveness of intervention programs. Based on the status of current research, there is a need for future research to enhance the quality of program evaluations



Improve outcomes, assess and address needs in an integrated, collaborative way making more effective use of local services and support networks



Connectivity



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Acts as a support network