

Phase 1 Participant Information Sheet for Subject Matter Experts (please retain a copy) Inclusive Practice Training for ACCOs working with LGBTQA+ Youth and their Families

A copy of this Information Sheet can also be found on <https://www.telethonkids.org.au/our-research/brain-and-behaviour/mental-health-and-youth/youth-mental-health/>. You can get to this webpage by typing “Telethon Kids Institute Youth Mental Health Team” in your search engine.

What is this project about?

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of staff working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth (14-25 years) who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, asexual (LGBTQA+). There are currently no guidelines, and minimal resources and training in best-practice available for health professionals working with Indigenous LGBTQA+ youth.

This phase of the project will assess what training ACCOs need to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ youth and their families.

This project runs from 2021-2023.

Our aims:

- Determine ACCOs’ training needs
- Develop a *Needs Assessment* of ACCOs’ training needs
- Help ACCOs provide better support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young people and their families

Who can take part:

You can take part in this study if you are:

- Identified by the research team or an ACCO as being an expert in inclusive care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ youth
- Over the age of 18 years
- Able to give informed consent to participate in research

Why me?

You are being invited to participate in this study because you have a great deal of knowledge and experience in inclusive care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ youth and their families.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to participate in a **90-minute** interview about inclusive training. Interviews will take place via teleconference (except in Perth, where interviews will take place in-person). The interview will be recorded and transcribed, but the recording and transcription won’t be shared with anyone except the research team.

During the interview you will be asked to talk about your views on inclusive practice, your experience working with LGBTQA+ youth and their families, what training you think ACCO staff need, how to make training effective, and what changes you think your organisation can make.

The interview will be facilitated by an Aboriginal researcher.

How will taking part in this project help me and my community?

By taking part in this project, you will increase the capacity of ACCOs to provide appropriate and inclusive care for Aboriginal LGBTQA+ youth and their families.

Will I be paid for taking part in this research?

You will be reimbursed \$250.00 per hour (\$375 per interview) for participating in this research.

What happens if I don't want to take part?

You don't have to! Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and written consent is required before you take part in the study. There are no expectations by the research team that you will participate. If you feel pressured to take part in this study, please contact our research team.

Who is involved in the project?

This project is paid for by the Department of Health. It is run by researchers at the Telethon Kids Institute, Murdoch University and Edith Cowan University. The team includes researchers who are Aboriginal, LGBTQA+, and Aboriginal *and* LGBTQA+. The Chief Investigator for this project is Dr Bep Uink. Please contact the Chief Investigator for the names of other researchers.

We are working with a range of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations across Australia.

What will happen to my information?

The focus groups will be summarised and aggregated into a national *Needs Assessment*. This will be given back to all participating organisations, and also publicly available and free to access.

What you say in the interview will be recorded and transcribed. The transcription will be de-identified (i.e. your name and any other identifying information will be removed) and stored in a secure drive that only members of the research team have access to.

We will ask you to review the *Needs Assessment* before it is published. If there's anything you said during the focus group that you don't want included in the *Needs Assessment*, please let the research team know and it will be removed. If you would like anything you've said removed, please let the team know prior to 31 January 2022.

The Intellectual Property for the design, data and results of this project is held by the Telethon Kids Institute. Any publications that arise from this research will be the shared Intellectual Property of the research team and any community member that co-authors the publication. Community members will be asked if they want to co-author publications arising from the project, however, this will mean their identity is made public. Therefore, co-authors cannot change their mind about authorship after papers and reports have been published.

Will anyone else know what I've said?

What you say during the focus group is confidential. Only the facilitator will know what you've said. That said, while we can encourage that people will keep your identity and contribution confidential, we cannot guarantee it. Your name will not be included in the transcripts or any published results, and nothing you've said will be linked back to you.

The *Needs Assessment* will be aggregated nationally – this means that no one can identify what was said in your focus group.

What are the possible risks?

We will ask questions about your views on inclusivity, experiences with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young people, and organisational needs. These questions may make you feel upset or comfortable.

The research team will provide you with a wellness plan, including a list of places you can go for support, before the interview begins.

Cultural information

You are not expected to tell us about any cultural information or practices that should not be shared. Please let a member of the research team know if you are unsure whether there are cultural restrictions around any information you share.

Complaints

If you would like to complain about the project, you can speak to:

- Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee (WAAHEC) – Ethics Officer
 - Phone: (08) 9227 1631
 - Email: ethics@ahcwa.org
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
 - Online enquiry form:
https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=APC_ENQ
 - Phone: [1300 363 992](tel:1300363992) (call-back service)
 - All contact details and complaint information available at:
<https://www.oaic.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/>

Ethics Approval

The ethics of this research project have been approved by the Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee (WAAHEC) (HREC1049).

If you have questions or worries about the study, please contact Bep Uink at Bep.Uink@telethonkids.org.au or 08 9360 1783.