

**Strong Family,
Strong Community
Strong Future**

**Aboriginal Family Violence
Project**



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- **A project that is Indigenous designed, led and staffed**
- **Focuses on creating new processes that allows Indigenous community knowledge and capacity to be mobilised to address social and family violence issues**
- **Provide professional development opportunities for communities, agencies and organisations**
- **The context....**

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- The **Indigenous Family Violence Strategy** addresses issues of concern to Indigenous Territorians, especially those living in remote and isolated areas.
- The **Strong Family, Strong Community, Strong Future Project** is the major new initiative taking place under the Government's Indigenous Family Violence Strategy.

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**A partnership between the Northern Territory Government
and Northern Territory Indigenous Communities**



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**Indigenous
Family
Violence
Strategy**

Say: "No more!"

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This project is built on the belief that:

- Solutions to family violence must come from **within each family**
- **Many factors** lead to family violence
- Reducing family violence will **strengthen families**
- Stronger families equals **strong communities**
- Strong communities will lead to a **stronger future.**

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THE PROCESS ...

- One or more families from each community decide to participate
- Each family **agrees on an action plan with the help of Family Support Workers**
- Families identify **new ways of doing things**
- **Communities and groups** agree to support these families
- **Family Support Workers**, continue the work in communities and visit families regularly to monitor family action plans.

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The project ...

- **PROVIDES** Strong Family Support Workers to support families and their community
- **HELPS** families and the community to deal with Government agencies
- **SUPPORTS** Indigenous Communities who want to implement the Strong Family, Strong Community, Strong Future Project
- **PROVIDES** ongoing training, support, Regional and Local workshops

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The project comprises six inter-connected elements

Element 1: Indigenous Implementation Team



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The project team supports and assists:

- Families and community members
- Strong Family Support workers
- Community Family Support Workers (CFSW)
- Local Government and Local Regional Councils
- Other Government and non-government agencies.

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Element 2: Community Engagement

Discuss project concepts, gain endorsement for ongoing involvement with:

- Elders, Traditional Owners and Community Councils/Boards
- Families and family groups
- Men's, women's & youth groups
- Agencies and service providers.



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Element 3: Family Engagement

Discuss with families and groups ...

How does a family get started?

- **Talk it over** with each other and the project team
- Decide to take part and **when to start**
- **Work out the issues** that are important for that family
- Agree on a **family action plan**
- Gain **support** from the Strong Family Support workers

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Element 4: Create Employment and Training Opportunities

- **Capacity Building** for Communities and organisations
- **Local community members** to be nominated for training
- Provide training/education opportunities **certificate III Remote Family Violence Prevention and Early Childhood Intervention**
- **Piloted Certificate III training** in conjunction with Charles Darwin University – 8 students graduated
- **New intake in June 2007** for involvement in project activities
- Once trained students are **employed locally**

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Element 5: Community Education

Deliver locally designed and community-specific education programs:

- Provide Local and Regional Family Violence workshops (Mutijulu, Milikapiti & Pirlangimpi)
- Integrate specialised training into each workshop ie. Alcohol and Other Drugs, Child protection
- Provide Thermometer readings training in communities



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Element 6: Monitoring and Evaluation

PROCESS ...

- Independent, external and interactive evaluation
- Identify program strengths, which will be maintained eg. Community engagement
- Identified areas for improvement eg. Better resourcing for central Australia
- Recommendations currently being actioned.

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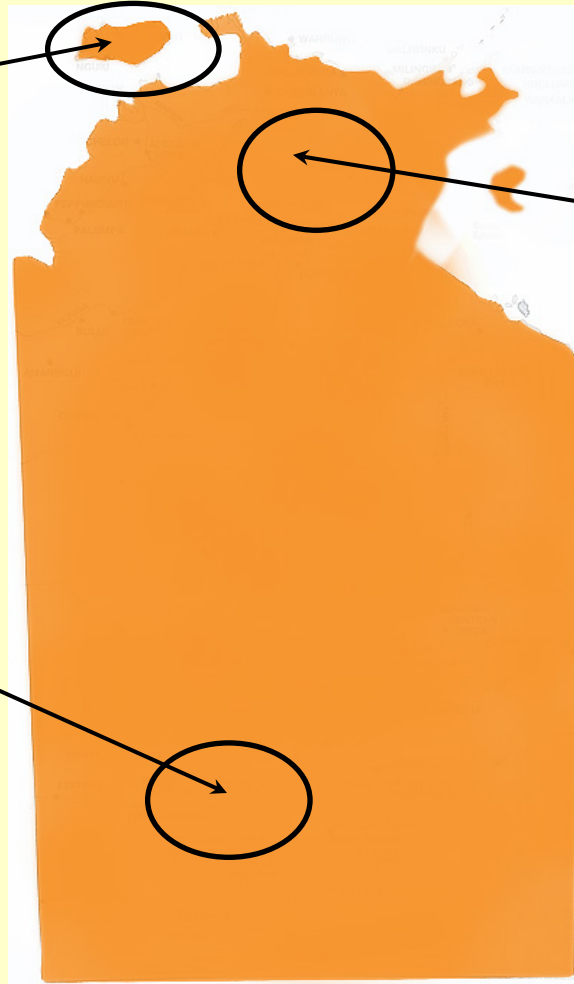
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ALICE SPRINGS (WEST)

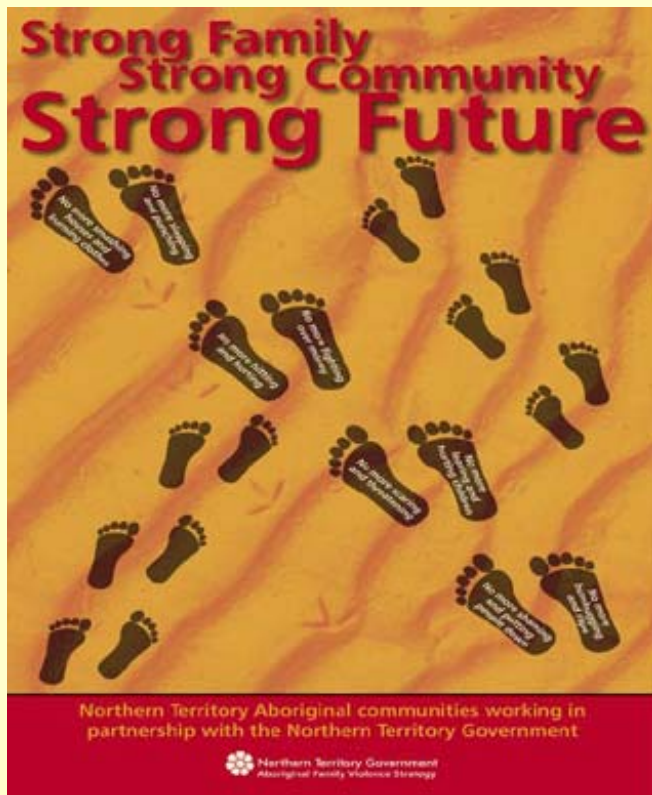
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- No more slapping and punching
- No more hitting and hurting
- No more smashing houses and burning clothes
- No more fighting over money
- No more scaring and threatening
- No more leaving and hurting children
- No more humbugging and rape
- No more shaming and putting people down
- No Swearing.