Partnerships for Change: working together to nourish the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children, youth and families

Save the Date: Thursday 10th October 2013, Shalom College, University of New South Wales

You are invited to attend a one-day (9.00am-4.00pm) workshop to discuss ways to develop, implement, evaluate and grow initiatives to support health and wellbeing within Aboriginal communities.

Target audience
This workshop will be of interest to community organisations, program leaders and developers, practitioners and researchers who are undertaking or are planning to implement initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children, youth and families.

Aim of the workshop
This workshop will facilitate discussion of pathways to build effective and meaningful partnerships to enhance support for children and families. It will present concrete best-practice examples to demonstrate the application of effective and transformational practice. It will offer strategies and tools to capture critical success factors within programs and services. It will build on the experience of all participants to better understand how to implement, sustain and evaluate programs to inform policy that works within Aboriginal communities.

Content
The lessons within important and current examples of programs built on community partnerships across a number of child and youth programs, including the Gudaga studies in the South Western Sydney area and the Ngala Nanga Mai Parent Program in La Perouse.

These and other case studies will be used as a platform to discuss the rewards, challenges and potential of working in partnership. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences, using a framework designed to capture strengths and challenges to the effectiveness, sustainability, growth and achievement of potential of their work in this area. There will also be a special focus on the potential value that evaluation can bring to their programs.

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