

What's Happening?

- This project has established and is strengthening essential links between service providers to enable the continuum of care required for the pathway to be strong and effective.
- This project is working with service providers to address the missing links between alcohol related service, so they can function as parts of a whole.
- Considered a living process, this project can adapt and respond to the changing needs and challenges that will continue to be presented here in Katherine.
- Can provide a model for healing to improve the quality of life for those people and their families who are struggling with alcohol and other drugs issues.

What is needed for this project to work!

- Commitment by Australian and NT Governments for the ongoing progress of the project.
- Continued enthusiasm and commitment by service providers to work collaboratively and inclusively



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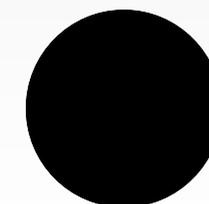


Katherine Regional Aboriginal
Health and Related Service Inc
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Healing Pathways Project

“A community / client
engaged “bottom up”
approach to delivering
coordinated alcohol
treatment, rehabilitation
and client support
services in
Katherine”





Identified Need

The project has identified gaps in service delivery and is currently facilitating communication between all service providers that engage and communicate with those impacted by alcohol abuse. This is to develop and manage a coordinated case management approach by all service providers to address the major impact the over consumption of alcohol is having on individuals, families and the Katherine Community.

The need for a 'Healing Pathway' was identified in the Marlene Lear report (The Healing Journey and Beyond; Barriers, Gaps, Solutions, 2008) and is included in the Katherine Alcohol Management Plan and has the support of the Wurli-Wurlinjang, Sunrise and Binjari Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, the Kalano, Jawoyn and Wardaman Associations and a number of Government and non Government stakeholders in Katherine.

The NTER report (2008) explained how alcohol management related service provider needs have increased as a result of the intervention. Most recently, NIDAC (2010) recommends "there should be an expansion of detoxification services catering to the needs of Indigenous Australians" that target gaps in service provision.

The Healing Pathways project will support those in the community who are afflicted with alcohol dependency, to assist them access appropriate treatment, support, care and opportunities to facilitate lifestyle change by affording them access to a coordinated program involving numerous service providers, designed to address their needs in consultation with them.

The Project

Objective

The KRAHRS Healing Pathways Project is to identify gaps in service delivery, engage numerous service providers, facilitate community/client engagement and develop, implement and manage a coordinated model of culturally appropriate care facilitating the case management of clients to enable them to combat the impacts of alcohol on their lives, their families and their community.



Outcomes

By adopting a community controlled bottom up approach, the Healing Pathways Project will ensure that the numerous Service Providers engaging with those affected by alcohol will involve the individual and family in developing solutions by being involved through a coordinated and case management approach. This will ensure clients have access to a full range of programs and enable them to obtain the support required to beat the effects of alcohol dependence and provide opportunities to improve lifestyle and health and well being.

Healing Pathways Steering Committee Representatives

- ◆ **Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service**
- ◆ **Sunrise Health Service**
- ◆ **Katherine Regional Aboriginal Health and Related Services (KRAHRS)**
- ◆ **Kalano Community Association**
- ◆ **Binjari Health Clinic**
- ◆ **Mission Australia**
- ◆ **Red Cross**
- ◆ **NT – Health and Community Services (HaCS)**
- ◆ **Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH)**
- ◆ **Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC)**
- ◆ **Department of Local Government, Housing and Regional Services (Housing)**
- ◆ **Department of Justice (DOJ)**
- ◆ **Centrelink**

