

## Looking for:

- 👉 something new?
- 👉 a stronger way of working with Aboriginal families

## **WINANGAY Resources** have a new resource to assess and support **Aboriginal Kinship Carers**

“This is all about our kids,,,  
as they are our future !

This resource means Aboriginal people will be listened to and be equal in the process, so kids and kinship carers can say what they need” *Aunty Sue Blacklock*

This Aboriginal Kinship Care Assessment Tool began with the knowledge that things needed to be different and a passion to make the difference. This led Aunty Susie Blacklock, Gillian Bonser and Paula Hayden to work pro bono with a team to make the vision a reality. In that journey they involved an Aboriginal reference group and consulted with a range of other key stakeholders to find a new and stronger way.

The resources have been piloted in a number of locations in Australia from Sydney to the remote Kimberley. They were validated by senior academics including Professor Marianne Berry and Dr Marilyn McHugh.

WINANGAY changes the way we work with Aboriginal families. So training in the use of the tool is essential. We are offering this training in 2012. For information about the costs for the training and resources please contact us.

The resources were launched by Dawn Wallam Chair of SNAICC at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence at Redfern in November 2011.

**WINANGAY** in Gamilaraay (Kamilaroi) means: to know, to think, to love, to understand.

The **WINANGAY** Aboriginal Kinship Care Assessment Tool is informed by research, practice wisdom, Aboriginal Elders, carers, academics and service providers.

Feedback from SNAICC and Aboriginal workers in the field has been very positive.

### The Resource is...

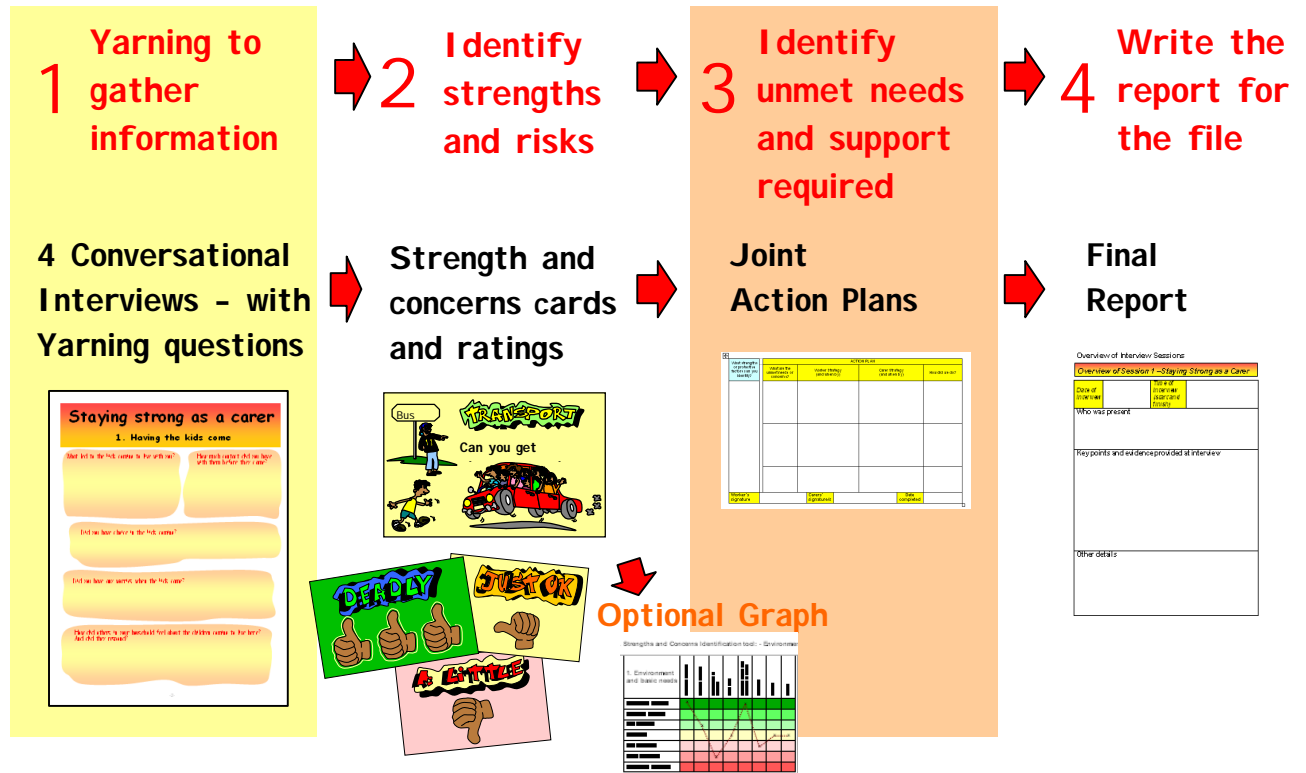
- 👉 **Culturally appropriate, respectful** and **empowering** for existing Aboriginal carers and communities
- 👉 **Flexible** and will engage the **full range of Aboriginal kinship carers**
- 👉 **Easy to Use** and Engaging
- 👉 Focuses on **Strengths**
- 👉 **Collaborative** and transparent – creates an equal partnership between workers and carers
- 👉 In **plain English** and Accessible
- 👉 **Not bureaucratic** or “WELFARE”
- 👉 **Versatile** enough to meet the needs of **statutory and non statutory carers**
- 👉 Uses **yarning** and **visual strength cards**
- 👉 Has an **Action Plan** to jointly address unmet needs and any concerns as well as identifying required services and support.

**WINANGAY Resources** is a new small not-for-profit Aboriginal controlled non government organisation established to develop resources.

**WINANGAY Resources** – *Stronger Ways with Aboriginal Children and Families*

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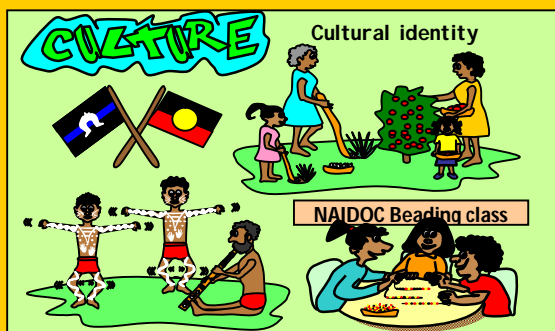
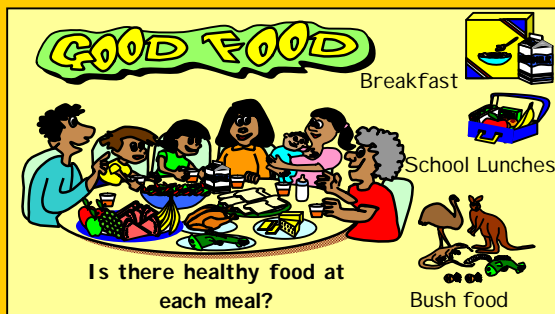
## Steps in the process



## Visual Cards Strengths and Concerns

Cards look at 4 key areas:

- Environment and meeting needs (13 cards)
- Staying Strong as a Carer (7 cards)
- Growing our Kids Strong (10 cards)
- Safety & Working Well with Others (8 cards)



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