



# Warruwi gamblingHELP

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### OBJECTIVES

- To raise community awareness about gambling, related issues and local interventions for Aboriginal people
- To provide information on local gambling related issues and how they can be addressed, including seeking professional assistance from local gambling help services
- To provide information to gambling services on how to work more effectively with Aboriginal people in their local community and facilitate help-seeking
- To provide opportunities for Aboriginal Community members & service providers to talk about gambling issues and the impact on family etc.

### STRATEGIES

- Encourage the discussion and acknowledgment of gambling and related problems as an important issue within the Aboriginal community
- Provide information about gambling interventions and available services
- Facilitate collaboration between local stakeholders in Aboriginal and mainstream settings
- Facilitate cultural awareness discussions, encourage and support positive interactions between services and Aboriginal people.

### ACTIVITIES

- Deliver Aboriginal Gambling Information Sessions/ Workshops
- Introduction to community awareness concepts and strategies
- Identify referral pathways
- Discuss possible community responses to gambling
- Community awareness raising activities: art competitions, entertainment, celebrity guest visits to the community, event sponsorship etc
- Facilitate further development of local community plans and Warruwi grants
- Follow up after information sessions about progress of participants in the Aboriginal Gambling Information Sessions/Workshops
- Meetings with various people from the community
- Media interviews, publicity and promotion of the issues around gambling.

### OUTCOME

- Raise awareness of gambling in Aboriginal communities
- Increased capacity of Aboriginal community members to seek help for gambling problems
- Increased capacity of Aboriginal communities, workforce and mainstream support services to deal with problem gambling
- Identify local mechanisms to carry forward discussions and actions on gambling issues for Aboriginal people
- Identify strategies for raising awareness about gambling issues in Aboriginal communities and how to make them happen
- Identify strategies for improving access and uptake of gambling issues for Aboriginal people, e.g. referral pathways and links.

## TARGET GROUPS

Target all socio-demographic groups (e.g. males and females, adults and children, workers and non-workers, married and single).

- **Aboriginal services** – Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS); Aboriginal Cooperatives, Aboriginal Support Groups, Aboriginal financial counsellors, Aboriginal legal services, local Aboriginal Lands Councils, the local Men's and Women's Group Coordinators, Justice Group Coordinators; Drug and Alcohol Services, Aboriginal Resource Centres, Rehabilitation Facilities, financial counselling and support agencies, family and social workers.
- **Gambling Help services** – Gambling Counselling Services, Financial Counselling Services and Social Workers.
- **Government departments** – Indigenous Coordination Centres, Area Health Services, City Council, Office of Fair Trading, Centrelink, Department of Housing, Department of Community Services, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Hospitals, Correctional and Parole services, Family Workers, Mental Health Workers.
- **Not-for-profit and welfare organisations** – Community Health Centres, Neighbourhood Centres and welfare services.
- **Community groups** – Aboriginal members of the community, Traditional Owners, Aboriginal Elders, cultural groups, art groups, sporting clubs and identified Aboriginal community leaders.



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