

Help make the Healing Foundation's work a reality

There are many innovative and mutually beneficial ways that you can support the work of the Healing Foundation. These include partnerships, workplace giving, bequests and more.

You can become a supporter of the Healing Foundation by contacting us online and over the phone.

Celebrating **Strong Spirit Strong Culture Strong People** and with an optimism to overcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage, the Healing Foundation is developing partnerships with communities, Indigenous peak bodies, philanthropic and non-government organisations and government at all levels.

We welcome your feedback about the activities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

If you would like more information visit our website www.healingfoundation.org.au, email us on info@healingfoundation.org.au, phone us on (02) 6273 0722 or find us on Facebook ATSI Healing Foundation.



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*Strong Spirit
Strong Culture
Strong People*

About the Healing Foundation

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is a community controlled, national organisation providing healing opportunities for the Indigenous community.

Established on the anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples the Healing Foundation addresses the profound legacy of pain and hurt in Indigenous people's lives from past government policies.

The Healing Foundation is building culturally strong community programs locally designed by Indigenous people, delivered by Indigenous people, from an Indigenous world view. It aims to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through:

- developing the story of healing
- raising the profile and documenting the importance of culturally strong healing programs
- building capacity and leadership of communities and workers to deal with trauma

The Healing Foundation is governed by an Indigenous board whose members have strong connections to community and provide a dynamic mix of experience including members of the Stolen Generations and people working in the areas of youth affairs, health, justice, healing and trauma.

Our priorities

Our priorities are driven by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. They include:

- Defining what healing means to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Acknowledging the intergenerational impact of trauma on families and communities
- Developing links between Indigenous and non-Indigenous healing models
- Working with young people, building strong spirits and connections to culture
- Supporting Stolen Generations survivors
- Developing programs relevant to men and boys
- Building on the work women have done to unite and heal families and communities



“ On 13 February 2009, the first anniversary of the Apology, the Australian Government announced its intention to establish a national Healing Foundation to address the historical legacy of trauma and grief in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as a result of colonisation, forced removals and other past government policies. ”

Our work

Community healing programs

We are developing innovative, community driven healing programs in partnership with local organisations and people to focus on the prevention and treatment of trauma.

Research and evaluation

We are providing the evidence of the benefits of healing programs through community driven and culturally appropriate research and evaluation.

Training and capacity building

Our community driven training initiative is promoting training models designed and run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to address prevention and treatment of trauma.