



Aboriginal Community-Controlled Mechanism

Information Sheet

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network Aboriginal Community Controlled Mechanism is a community initiative, led by local Aboriginal people who are providing a volunteer service. It aims to support Aboriginal children and young people who are at risk of being removed from their families or carers in Albury/Wodonga with the purpose to keep Aboriginal children and young people of this district on Country, with family and community, strong in culture.

What will this Aboriginal Community-Controlled Mechanism (ACCM) do?

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network Aboriginal Community Controlled Mechanism provides volunteer members to support the needs of children, young people and families in the community. All members of this ACCM have a lived or professional experience in working with children, young people, families, and communities and hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) clearance.

The group have the skills and knowledge to inform and support local community to advocate for themselves/their rights, responsibilities and inform families of the resources available to them. Their goal is to support families to make well informed decisions when involved with the child protection system within this district.

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM members advocate on behalf of children, young people and families for recognition of culture as a core/critical component of a child's identity. They are committed to upholding the rights of Aboriginal children, young people and families by working with NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) to make sure family finding, family group conferencing and family and community-led decision making is consistent and inclusive in local practice. The develop pathways for family restoration of Aboriginal children currently in out-of-home care (OOHC).

What service does this ACCM provide?

This ACCM is a community led program and its volunteer members are Aboriginal people who work in the local community, Aboriginal community members and Elders*.

**Please note our volunteers do not make decisions, provide casework or transport.*

If you want more information about these different services or where you can access them, speak to a representative of this ACCM by contacting:

Phone number:

Email address:

Website:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) value your privacy and are committed to protecting your personal data. DCJ aims to enhance cultural support and care provided to you and your family through Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM.



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Consent to Share Personal Data

This form seeks your permission for The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) to share relevant information with Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM to provide you with support, care and advice.

1.Information to be shared

To assist this Aboriginal Community-Controlled Mechanism (ACCM) in providing the best support, care and advice to your family, it is helpful if they are able to access information relevant to your needs when working with you.

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM will only receive your personal information in relation to the child protection matters that have been raised with DCJ. This information is provided in confidence to this ACCM and cannot be used by the ACCM for any other purpose than to support you in your interactions with DCJ.

2.How will your personal information be used?

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM will use your information for the following purposes:

- Consider relevant support options and provide advocacy services for you.
- Demonstrate how positive change has been made by focusing on families' strengths.
- Speak to DCJ Community Services about cultural supports available within the community to suit your needs.
- To evaluate and assess the AbSec project Strong Families, Our Way so that this ACCM can continuously improve services to the community.

3.Data Sharing

When DCJ shares your information with Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM it will only be for the purpose you agree to. All record storage, security and confidentiality of your information will remain with and the responsibility of DCJ.

De-identified information may be collected by the ACCM. This information* will be used to evaluate whether the program/services provided to you met your family's needs or could be improved.

**de-identified information collected: date of service, gender, suburb, no. of children and outcome of service.*

4.Withdrawal of Consent

You can also tell us at any point if you no longer want your matter supported by Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Families and Children Network ACCM.

You can remove your consent at any time by contacting your caseworker from the Department of Communities and Justice.

5. Your Consent

I, (Full name)

give my consent to the Department of Communities and Justice to collect and disclose my personal and health information as outlined above for the purpose of providing me with ongoing support and advocacy services.

Contact no.:

Email address:

Signature:

Date:

6. Parent/ Guardian Consent (if applicable)

I, (Full name)

give my consent to the Department of Communities and Justice to collect and disclose the personal and health information of my child/ren:

Childs Full Name

Date of Birth

as outlined above for the purpose of providing ongoing support and advocacy services.

Contact no.:

Email address:

Signature:

Date: