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Aboriginal Health Community Re-Entry Program



Improving the health of Aboriginal people after custody

The health and well being of Aboriginal people who are released from prison is a high priority for the Department of Health.

Funded under the 'Close the Gap in Aboriginal Health' initiative, the Department of Health has committed 7.2 million dollars over four years to improve the health of Aboriginal people released from prison.

Aboriginal Medical Services, other Non Government Agencies and the Department of Health, employ male and female Aboriginal Workers to motivate Aboriginal men and women (including juveniles) to actively participate in their health before and after release from custody.

Priority health conditions

The key priority health areas this program seeks to address are:

- chronic illnesses
- mental health, and
- drug and alcohol issues.

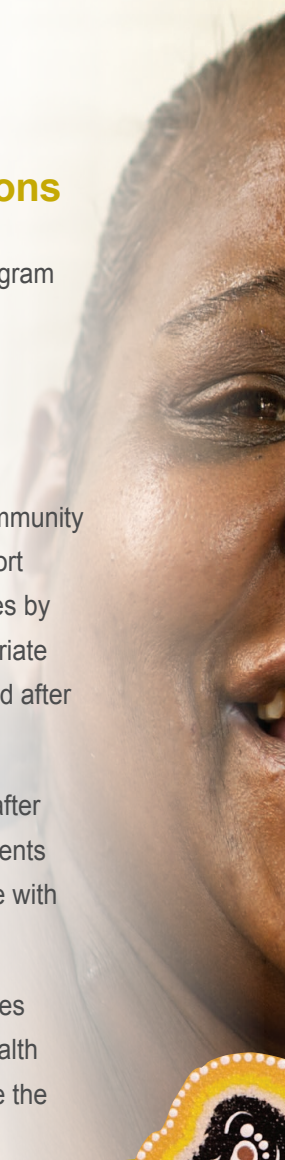
The role of the Aboriginal Health Community Re-Entry Workers is to provide support and improve access to health services by linking Aboriginal people with appropriate community health services before and after release from custody.

Support is provided for up to a year after release to allow adequate time for clients to establish relationships and engage with health services and programs.

The Department of Corrective Services is working in partnership with WA Health and other service providers to ensure the success of this initiative.

Referrals

Participation in this program is voluntary, and referrals can be made via prison staff or individuals can self-refer while in custody or after release.





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