



# GAMBLING - PLAY IT SAFE



## Project: NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Program

### 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
- To provide information on local gambling services and how they can be improved.
- To provide opportunities for Aboriginal Community members & service providers to talk about gambling issues and impacts on their families.

### STRATEGIES:

- Encourage the discussion and acknowledgement 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 and strategies



### 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, ie, Art Competitions, Entertainment, Celebrity Guests to the community etc.
- Facilitate further development of local community plans
- Follow up after information sessions about progress of participants in the Aboriginal Gambling Information Sessions/Workshops
- Meetings with various people from the community



## OUTCOME:

- To raise awareness of gambling to 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 at least three strategies for raising awareness about gambling issues in Aboriginal communities and how to make them happen.
- Identify at least three strategies for improving access and uptake of gambling issues for Aboriginal people. Eg: referral pathways and links between services.
- To provide an overview of research findings

## TARGET GROUPS:

Target all socio-demographic groups (e.g. males & females, adults & children, workers & non-workers, married & 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 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, 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
- Community Groups - Aboriginal community members of the community, Traditional Owners, Aboriginal elders, cultural groups, art groups, sporting clubs, community members Identified Aboriginal Community leaders
- Not-for-profit and Welfare organisations – Community Health Centres, Neighbourhood Centres, Salvation Army, Welfare Services



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