

Title: *Early Investments, Lasting Impact: ACCOs' Holistic Early Years Services improving safety and wellbeing of our children.*

Content: *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are living cultures that survive through our children. Culture is a critical part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's development, identity and self-esteem, and strengthens their overall health and wellbeing. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) provide holistic, integrated, culturally safe, place-based and high-quality early years services that respond to community need to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to thrive. This presentation will highlight the strengths of ACCO-led early years models and how these models can be expanded and built upon to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.*

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