

# Njernda Aboriginal Corporation

## Njernda Medical Unit

GP services  
Aboriginal Health Practitioner  
Midwife/Nurse  
Drug and Alcohol Worker  
Social and Emotional Wellbeing  
Dentist  
Optometrist  
Podiatrist  
Psychologist  
Audiologist  
Dietician  
Paediatrician  
Councillors  
Diabetes Educator  
Speech Pathologist

## Community Engagement Unit

Community Justice  
Youth Justice  
Pastoral Services  
Bringing them Home  
Drug & Alcohol Councillor  
SAAP Housing  
Housing and Maintenance  
HACC Program for Younger People  
Commonwealth Home Support Program

## Yakapna Healing Centre

Baroona Youth Healing  
Warma Gym

## Berrimba Child Care

Best Start  
Cradle to Kinder

## Family Services Unit

## NJERNDA'S VISION Empowering our Aboriginal Community

### NJERNDA'S PURPOSE

Njernda's purpose is to deliver community controlled, holistic services and programs which improve the physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of the Aboriginal Community of Echuca and surrounding areas.

*Njernda will do this by:*

- Regularly providing opportunities for Community members to come together for socialisation and to celebrate being Aboriginal.
- Continuing to support Aboriginal people every day.
- Supporting our Elders / mentors / role models to provide leadership and direction to our children and young people, to help them become strong in culture, spirit and Community, and to enhance future generations.
- Delivering services in a safe environment.
- Promoting self empowerment and self determination.
- Using continuous improvement strategies to ensure that Community can access the best evidence based programs.

### NJERNDAS' VALUES

*At all times the Njernda Aboriginal Corporation will endeavour to:*

- act in such a way that others are treated with respect, empathy, compassion, fairness,
- justness and cultural sensitivity.
- act professionally
- maintain confidentiality
- be accountable
- be informative and helpful
- approach their work with passion and commitment
- maintain a sense of humour

*"We respectfully acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation as the traditional Owners of the land of the communities that the Njernda Aboriginal Corporation service"*

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## Family Services Unit



Working with vulnerable families  
caring for children

34 Annesley St  
Echuca

Phone 03 5481 0611

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8.30am– 4.30pm

Friday 8.30am– 4.00pm

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# Family Services Unit

The Family Service Unit provides family programs and services aimed at supporting and strengthening families and also to support our Aboriginal children and their carers in Out of Home Care.

## Stronger Families

The Stronger Families worker provides intensive supports to our families, who need to make changes to ensure their child remains safe in their own homes or to support their safe return to the family home.

This work entitles comprehensive family assessments of the child's needs and the capacity of the parents to make the necessary changes required to keep child safe in the home. Referrals from DHHS Child Protection

## Family Services

The Family Services program assist individuals and families experiencing child safety concerns and family hardships. They also support family members by linking them into services, ensuring appointments are made and behavioural supports and referrals

Referrals from Child First or self referral call 03 5481 0611 or attend 34 Annesley St

## Family Violence

The Family Violence programs works collaboratively with other services/programs and agencies to provide a safe and protective space for our women, children and men and Elders, who experience family violence. Internal and external referrals

## Koori Kids Program

The Koori Kids program provide support for children who are not attending school, to assist

in addressing the issues that may be contributing to non attendance. To work with families and schools to re-engage the children with their school—primary and secondary

## Placement Support for Out Of Home Care

The Placement and Support worker provides cultural connectedness for Aboriginal children place in foster care placement and residential care. This service provides culturally responsive services to carers supporting them to care for Aboriginal children and young people aimed at the child maintaining cultural identity and cultural safety while in foster care.

## Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making

The Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM) program is about empowerment of Aboriginal families in the decision making process for their children when there are substantiated concerns for their safety and well-being.

The aim of the programs is to keep our children connected to family and community by their families identifying options of care and placement for their children. Referrals are by DHHS Child Protection

## Targeted Care Packages

The Target Care Package worker, in collaboration with staff, DHHS and other agencies develops target care package proposals aimed at supporting the needs of our children in placements that are at risk of breaking down or to support either a kinship or foster care placement of a child or young person placed in residential care. Referrals are by DHHS Child Protection

## Senior Advisor Cultural Planning Officer

The Senior Advisor Cultural Planning Officer work in conjunction with Elders, Family and care teams to strengthen cultural support plans for our

children and young people in out of home care enabling them to maintain and strengthen their Aboriginal identity and encourage their connection to their Aboriginal culture and community. Referrals are by DHHS Child Protection

## Kinship Care and Case Contracting

Kinship Care occurs when Child Protection is involved and the child is unable to live with their parents. This program works with the child who is placed in the care of a family member or extended family member of the their social and mental wellbeing network under the child placement principle. Referrals are by DHHS Child Protection

## Foster Care

The Foster Care program aims provide cultural safe temporary, short or long tem home based care (foster care) to our children and young people who are unable to live with their parents.

## How to Access Services.

Unless other wise stated eligible community members can access these services by contacting either in person at 34 Annesley St, Echuca or by phoning 03 5481 0611

## Confidentiality

Clients records are confidential documents. It is policy to maintain security of personal information at all times. This information is only available to authorized members of staff and/or other service providers, with the clients permission.

## Feedback

We like to hear feedback from our clients, as this is the best way for us to determine if we are meeting our objective of providing a high quality service. You are most welcome to either leave a written comment or approach the staff at Njernda