

WALKERN KATATDJIN ROADMAP SNAPSHOT

Working together to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people to thrive.

There's no better time to start than now.

The Walkern KatatdjIn Roadmap report sets out a plan to work together to empower individuals, families, communities, and services to ensure that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people (14-25 years) are safe, healthy and thriving.

This snapshot summarises some key actions that can be taken by the people who support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people. For ease of reading, we have broken these roles down into key groups, although we acknowledge that individuals can play many roles within and across their lifetime. You might belong to multiple key groups and have multiple roles to play.

Key groups responsible for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people.



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What can each group do?



Family & Community

...can support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people through creating visibility, education and safe places.

Family and community also have a responsibility to provide input into services and demonstrate that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ inclusion is a priority for their communities.



Services

...can support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people through providing inclusive care which is sustainably embedded into their practice. The goal of inclusive care is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people to feel safe from the moment they enter a service and to receive the care that's right for *them*.

Services also have a role in empowering families and communities to achieve their actions and advocating to government.

This Roadmap focuses on actions for health and wellbeing services, but we also consider how these actions might apply to other services and systems that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people's wellbeing.



Government

...can support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people through changes to policies and strategies, establishing and maintaining strong relationships with advocates, identifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ people in data, employing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ people, and providing targeted funding.

Governments also play their part by empowering services and maintaining their responsibility to community.



Wider Community

...can support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people through shaping the broader culture and seeking out opportunities for allyship in their everyday lives. Additionally, everyone has a role to play in ensuring that local, state and federal governments are aware of the importance of supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people and are held accountable for doing so.



Evidence

Ongoing action should be informed by evidence collected by researchers (e.g., research projects, papers, reports, guidelines, interventions), services (e.g., client data, monitoring and evaluation), and governments (e.g., census and ABS data, government agency data, reporting against progress). Evidence about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people must be driven by communities' data needs and supported by Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDS).



By taking these steps, we can empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+ young people so they will be safe, healthy and thriving.

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