

# NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EARLY CHILDHOOD STRATEGY SUMMARY

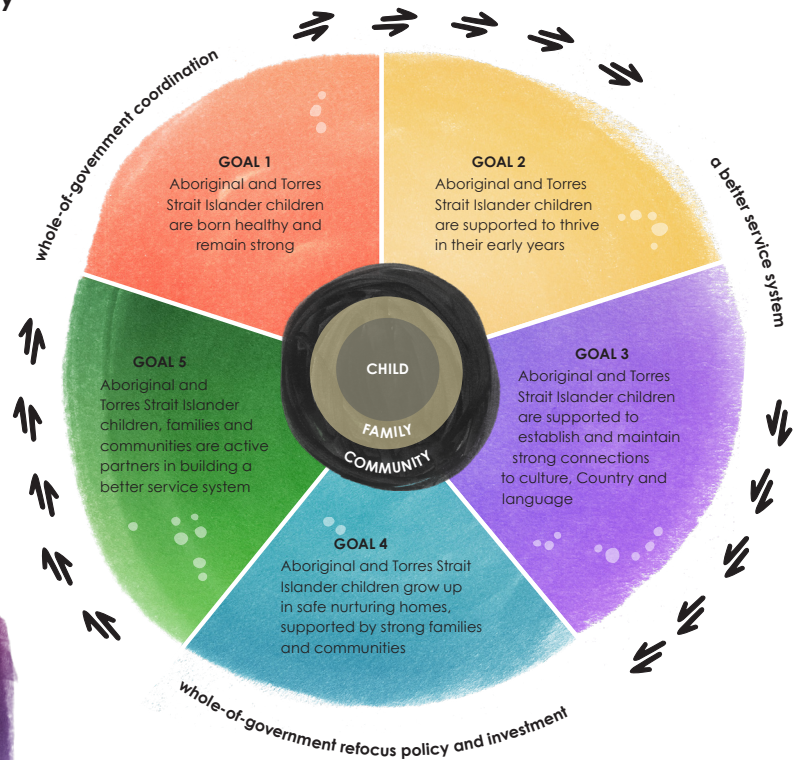
The Strategy aims to refocus investment and policy to ensure all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are supported to grow up strong and proud in culture, as the future Elders and Custodians of Country across Australia.

The Strategy provides a community-informed and evidence-based pathway to achieve the National Agreement on Closing the Gap targets and outcomes for early childhood, and to fulfil joint commitments to the Priority Reforms.

The Strategy is informed by an evidence-based framework and builds on existing whole-of-government policy frameworks and strategies.

## VISION

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (0-5 years) are born healthy and remain strong, nurtured by strong families and thrive in their early years.



## HOW DID WE GET HERE...

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Strategy (the Strategy) has been developed in partnership with SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, the national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

SNAICC, with the assistance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisations, conducted virtual forums, one-on-one meetings, submissions, and surveys with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and service providers across Australia.

An Advisory Group, comprised of key non-Government stakeholders across all jurisdictions representing early childhood education, health, care, and community safety sectors, was also engaged through this process.

## WHERE TO NEXT...

Evidence-based, co-designed Opportunities have been identified under each of the five goals. These Opportunities enable achievement of the goals and should be considered in partnership across governments, non-government organisations, community and other stakeholders.

In 2022, the Closing the Gap Policy Partnership for Early Childhood, Care and Development will be initiated. This Policy Partnership, which will include representatives from all parties to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, is well positioned to provide oversight of the Strategy.

Further information can be found on [indigenous.gov.au](https://indigenous.gov.au)

