

How does the Brighter Futures program work?

Brighter Futures works with you for around two years, depending on you and your mob.

Together, we will plan for the services and support that are right for your family.

What if I start Brighter Futures then don't want to do it any longer?

If you decide that Brighter Futures is not for you, then you're free to stop the program at any time – it's your choice.



My caseworker is working with us. He's helping me make a safer home for my family. With his support, I can get to playgroup with my son each week.

Roberta

The Brighter Futures program is a joint partnership between Community Services, Department of Human Services NSW and non-government agencies to provide early intervention services to NSW families.



Raising
a family
can be
hard...

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Help and support
can make a
real difference

What is the Brighter Futures program?

The Brighter Futures program is a deadly program to help you give your mob a good start in life. It can also help you work through any problems you may be having.

Brighter Futures can help you with a lot of different things like:

- » playgroups
- » home visiting
- » child care
- » parent groups
- » linking you to other services to help you get on your feet:
 - drug and alcohol counselling
 - financial management
 - employment services
 - and many others.

Best of all, Brighter Futures is completely voluntary, so it's up to you to decide whether or not you want to be involved.



I'm a single mum and I had no supports. But since I got in the Brighter Futures program, I've found support from my worker, who also respects my Aboriginality. I'm now linked with services that are right for my culture, and they're helping me keep my family together.

Tracy

We all want our kids to be happy, healthy and safe. For this reason, Brighter Futures is helping out lots of families in NSW.

Like many Australians, some of our mob struggle with parenting for a lot of different reasons, like being a single parent, low income, unemployment, no access to important services, drug and alcohol problems and family/domestic violence.



It's been a good experience. John, our caseworker, is always there for us. I know he helps a lot of families, but he always makes us feel like we're his number-one priority.

Anthony and Lisa

Is this program for me?

If you think you need help, don't be shamed, Brighter Futures will work hard with you to get you back on track.

You can have a yarn with a Brighter Futures worker about what things are going well and what things you think you may need some help with.

Brighter Futures can work in many ways – we'll make sure we fit the special needs of your mob! Tell us what your needs are and we'll help you the best we can.