



Aboriginal caseworker

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Many of the families that DoCS works with are from Aboriginal backgrounds. The role of the Aboriginal caseworker is key to providing culturally appropriate services for these clients.

This role is very similar to that of a general caseworker, but also provides specialist advice to other caseworkers about how to engage with Aboriginal children and families, and meet their needs in a culturally sensitive and appropriate way.

An Aboriginal caseworker's job involves:

- Working with other caseworkers, children and young people from Aboriginal and non Aboriginal backgrounds at Community Services Centres
- Gathering information about children and young people at risk of harm
- Interviewing people, including children, parents and carers to identify issues affecting the child, young person or family
- Completing assessments, working with families to assess risk factors and strengths
- Working with families to create case plans for positive changes for both the child and family
- Building relationships with other community agencies that support and strengthen families

Essential skills:

- Analysing and problem solving
- Planning and organising
- Relationship building
- Working with children and young adults

Qualifications needed

- Aboriginal applicants do not need a qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued

Relevant Experience

- Student placement/ practicum experience in an Aboriginal community services/ child and family work environment
- Volunteer experience in a relevant field providing services to Aboriginal families and/or communities, or
- Paid work in a relevant occupation such as working with Aboriginal young people and families

