



# FAMILY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

## FAQ'S

### HOW DOES THE FAMILY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM (FPP) WORK?

The FPP will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to participate in child protection decision making by using a new model of care which educates and empowers families.

### WHAT IS ATSiFLDM?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Led Decision Making (ATSiFLDM) is a process where authority is given to parents, families and children to work together to solve problems and lead decision-making in a culturally safe space. This program will operate to keep children safe in a way that optimises families' participation and confidence in the process of safety while meeting Queensland laws and regulations with the Department of Child Safety.

### HOW DOES THE FPP SUPPORT ME AND MY FAMILY?

The FPP staff will explain to the family about their role ensuring families understand the FPP worker's role is not to make decisions; it is to support the family through the process when meeting with the Department of Child Safety to ensure that everyone feels safe. FPP also works to ensure the safety of every child. The FPP worker will facilitate the meeting and support the family through each step as well as act as convener to support families through facilitating discussions between the family in the Department of Child Safety and other stakeholders.

### IS THE FPP INDEPENDENT/SEPARATE TO THE DEPARTMENT?

Yes, the FPP is completely independent from the Department of Child Safety and does not work for the Department of Child Safety.

### CAN FPP MAKE REFERRALS TO OTHER SERVICES WITHIN IF REQUIRED?

Yes, the FPP may refer families to the many other services that are connected to ATSiCHS Brisbane. It will depend on each families' circumstances and their unique requirements.

### WHO WILL KNOW MY FAMILY'S INFORMATION?

ATSiCHS FPP staff will respect the child/children and family's privacy and will not share confidential information that is shared by either the families or other services involved unless the information relates to a child being harmed or potentially harmed.

### WHAT IS THE REFERRAL PROCESS?

Child Safety will refer a family for the family-led decision-making processes, when it is practicable and in the best interests of the child. When deciding the outcome of an investigation and assessment, where an outcome of 'child in need of protection' is likely, and, if appropriate, the type of ongoing intervention required to provide for the child or young person's protection and care when developing a case plan.

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