

Professional Development Review - Gangari



Who is Gangari?

Gangari is committed to upholding social justice issues and to challenging barriers that may prevent Aboriginal children and families access to, and inclusion in, mainstream child care services.

Gangari's workshops

and programs promote the importance of all Australians gaining a better understanding of their shared history with the Indigenous community.

Through consultation and partnerships with Aboriginal children, families and community organisations, Gangari workshops and programs aim to create environments that reflect acceptance and celebrate cultural diversity. This is achieved by increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia through discussion with local community Elders and peak Aboriginal organisations.

Gangari's programs support child care services to develop practical strategies to celebrate diversity and to promote access and inclusion. Gangari workshops adopt a strengths based approach, and they consult on a local community level to ensure the development of relevant workshops and activities.

Gangari Programs

'Understanding Reconciliation' workshops

These workshops are designed to create awareness about Aboriginal children, families and communities. They provide child care professionals with practical ideas, resources and information to support access and inclusion for Aboriginal children and families.

Gangari also customises training to accommodate individual service or organisation needs.

Indigenous Games delivery

This workshop has been developed for children aged five to 15 years. The focus is on Aboriginal Australia and inspires children to find out more about Aboriginal culture through traditional Indigenous games.

Storytelling and extension activities

These are designed for children aged three to 15 years. These activities convey elements of Aboriginal culture and involve local Aboriginal storytellers.

Mural workshops

Gangari works with local Aboriginal artists to design and create murals that reflect the diversity and individuality of each school, service or organisation community.

Resource CD

This has been developed by Gangari to assist services to develop useful cultural awareness links. It includes information about:

- protocols
- relevant peak bodies
- useful funding ideas
- relevant organisations
- performance groups and individuals
- resources and publications

Useful Publications

The following publications can assist services to keep up to date with community initiatives, achievements, significant events and current affairs:

- National Indigenous Times (NIT) (www.nit.com.au)
- Koori Mail (www.koorimail.com)
- Deadly Vibe (www.vibe.com.au) ■

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