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NSW Government and CAPO launch the 2022-2024 NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) is pleased to announce the release of the 2022-2024 NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan.

The 2021 NSW Implementation Plan marked the beginning of the NSW Government's commitment to partner with Aboriginal organisations to fulfil the promise of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. With the first Implementation Plan coming to a close, NSW Government and CAPO have developed a new agenda, which will be implemented over the next two years.

The 2022-2024 NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan features a number of new initiatives including growing the Aboriginal community-controlled sector to provide culturally appropriate support for Aboriginal children and young people entering out of home care, transforming the youth justice system to best support the needs and goals of Aboriginal young people, as well as providing pathways for Aboriginal communities to have access to shared-data, enabling local decision-making.

Some of the highlights for the Aboriginal health sector include:

- the development of a new 24hr Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP) Emergency Department Model to ensure that there is cultural safety in NSW services;
- work to explore more birthing on Country models of maternity care in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services; and
- the expansion of the Building Resilience initiative and investment in culturally safe mental health models of care.

These initiatives have been developed through extensive consultation with Aboriginal communities, who we will work to engage throughout their implementation, in line with our commitment to self-determination.

NSW CAPO Co-Chair and AH&MRC CEO Robert Skeen welcomed the launch of the Implementation Plan and reaffirmed NSW CAPO's commitment to the Partnership, "I am confident that this plan will create real change and look forward to continuing to work in genuine partnership with the NSW Government to improve outcomes for Aboriginal communities across the state" he said.

The full Implementation Plan can be found [here](#).

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About AH&MRC:

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) assists Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) across NSW to ensure they have access to an adequately resourced and skilled workforce to provide high-quality health care services for Aboriginal communities.

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