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IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK
FOR PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S CHILDREN 2021-2031

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Dear Colleagues,

National Coalition on Child Safety and Wellbeing Annual Meeting 2023

The National Coalition on Child Safety and Wellbeing will be hosting our 2023 Annual Meeting on **Thursday 1 June 2023 from 11.30am to 1:00 pm (AEST)**. All members and stakeholders are welcome to attend.

In addition to a Safe and Supported update, keynote presentations of the meeting will include:

- Findings and implications: Australian Child Maltreatment Study 2019-23 by Professor Ben Mathews (QUT) and Professor Daryl Higgins (ACU); and
- Update from the Attorney-General's Department (Commonwealth) on child safety and wellbeing initiatives by Chris Collett, First Assistant Secretary, Children and Families Division, Attorney-General's Department.

Presentations will be followed by National Coalition member updates.

[Register for the National Coalition 2023 Annual Meeting here](#)

AIHW Consultation opportunity – ACCOs involved with child protection services and support

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) are seeking to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and First Nations organisations engaged with the child protection system.

Consultation will assist AIHW in finalising content for the *Child Protection Australia: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children 2021-22* release, and it will inform and shape future releases.

To date, the content for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the child protection system has largely been incorporated into two reports, [Child Protection Australia \(CPA\)](#) and the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles \(ATSICPP\) indicators](#) reports.

From the 2021-22 reporting period, AIHW is developing new content focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. This aligns with:

- The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children (Safe and Supported); and
- Supporting target 12 under Closing the Gap, which aims to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 45 per cent by 2031.

AIHW is undertaking consultation with First Nations stakeholders to ensure that content is meeting stakeholder needs.

If you are interested, please contact Jamie Crosby jamie.crosby@familiesaustralia.org.au to obtain a copy of the AIHW briefing materials and details of the AIHW contact officer.

Reminder: Have your say on current and emerging policy issues facing families, children and young people in Australia

The Families Australia annual policy survey has been open for a few weeks and will soon close. The survey directly informs the work of Family Australia, representations we make on policy matters and the topics and issues we explore with our members.

It would be great if we could lift the survey response rate over the next couple of days. We are seeking the support of National Coalition member and encourage National Coalition members to take 10 mins out of your day and complete a survey.

[Access the survey here](#)

The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete. All respondents are anonymous. This survey collects only demographic information about your organisation. For enquiries about this survey, please email admin@familiesaustralia.org.au.

Survey ends at close of business, this Friday 19 May 2023.

Not yet a National Coalition member?

You can become a member by emailing admin@familiesaustralia.org.au or visiting the National Coalition webpage at <https://familiesaustralia.org.au/national-coalition/>. Membership of the National Coalition on Child Safety and Wellbeing is free.

Thank you for your support and ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and families.

Regards,

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