

### Element 3: Increased Access to, and Use of Maternal and Child Health Services by Indigenous Families

**Plan period: 2009-2014**

This implementation plan should articulate the activities your jurisdiction is going undertake to achieve the objectives of the NP, who will undertake the activities, how progress will be measured, how long activities will take and how much they will cost. Plans should clearly identify how activities will progress over the life of the NP to achieve the overall objectives.

Milestone (eg. General Primary Health Care Services)	What are we trying to do? (Aim)	Who will do it? (Roles and responsibilities)	How are we going to do it? (Strategies)	How will we know how we are going? (Measures)	How long will it take? (Timeframe)	What is the estimated cost
<b>Service Delivery</b>	<p>WA will deliver range of regional and statewide programs in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of postnatal services and outreach programs with a focus on adolescent mothers</li> <li>• Provision of child health and development assessment including MBS-</li> </ul>	<p><u>Statewide Programs</u> Child &amp; Adolescent Community Health(CACH) will provide policy and workforce support to community child and family health service providers across Western Australia</p> <p><u>Regional Programs</u> Healthy Start to Life (Kimberley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Community Mothers Program in two new sites and expand and continue the program in Halls Creek</li> </ul>	<p><u>Statewide Policy &amp; Workforce Support Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of clinical policies, guidelines and standards of practice, and work force support and development to maternal and child health services delivering care to Aboriginal women</li> <li>• Develop and/or provide access to culturally appropriate assessment tools and resources to service providers working with families</li> <li>• Establish a Statewide Aboriginal child health</li> </ul>	<p><u>Statewide Policy &amp; Workforce Support Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major achievements and/or key results</li> <li>• Number of services who are working collaboratively with CACH</li> <li>• Number of professional development programs delivered</li> <li>• Number of assessment tools and resources developed and</li> </ul>	<p><u>Statewide Policy &amp; Workforce Support Program</u></p> <p><b>2009-10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finalisation of the service agreement</li> <li>▪ Recruit and appoint staff</li> <li>▪ Establishment of networks with maternal and child health programs</li> <li>▪ Identify training opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>2010-11</b></p>	<b>\$11,250,000</b>

	<p>funded services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of immunisation services through community based and outreach services</li> </ul>	<p>Maternal and Child Health Strong Women Healthy Children (Great Southern)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand on existing maternal and child health services, and implement a collaborative approach focusing on improved communication between service providers to address immunisation, child health checks, early intervention therapies and treatments, and promotional actives.</li> </ul> <p>Maternal and Child Health Strategy (Goldfields)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand existing maternal and child health services to improve postnatal contact as well as ongoing clinical care for children 0-8 years.</li> </ul> <p>Collaborative Child Health Program (Pilbara)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a collaborative child health strategy to improve the coordinated delivery of immunization, child health checks, intervention therapies and treatments, and health</li> </ul>	<p>reference group</p> <p><u>Regional Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop partnerships across health services and community organisations</li> <li>• Expand existing 1) postnatal services 2) Child health and development assessments 3) Child immunisation services</li> <li>• Review, adaptation and implementation of care pathways for Aboriginal clients</li> </ul>	<p>provided to services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of key outcomes and recommendations from Statewide Aboriginal child health reference group</li> </ul> <p><u>Regional Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of programs that demonstrate partnerships across health services and community organisations</li> <li>• Number of services provided:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. postnatal checks,</li> <li>2. child health and development assessments</li> <li>3. immunisation services</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Evidence of review adaption, and implementation of care pathways</li> <li>• Evidence of development and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and provide access to policies, guidelines and standards of practice</li> <li>▪ Develop and implement professional development programs</li> <li>▪ Develop and/or provide access to culturally appropriate assessment tools and resources</li> <li>▪ Establishment of the Statewide Aboriginal Child Health Reference Group</li> </ul> <p><b>2011-13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing process evaluation and development of program using</li> </ul>	
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		<p>promotion activities across the region.</p> <p>Child Health Project (Wheatbelt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Provision of an enhanced child health surveillance program for Aboriginal families who are considered 'at risk'.</li> </ul> <p>Allied Health (Murchison/Midwest)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•To increase access to Aboriginal specific allied health services for children 0-5 years, including individual and group therapy services.</li> </ul> <p>Strong Noongar Kooangkas (South West)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Develop and deliver protective behaviours programs across the South West.</li> </ul> <p>Care Pathways for Boodjarri Yorgas(South West)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Map current care pathways for Aboriginal women, identify gaps and barriers in relevant</li> </ul>		implementation of protective behaviours program	<p>data from outputs and review by the Statewide Aboriginal child health reference group</p> <p><u>Regional Programs</u></p> <p><b>2009-10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruit and appoint staff</li> <li>▪ Formalise and build on relevant professional and community based networks</li> </ul> <p><b>2010-11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development and implementation of postnatal services and outreach programs</li> <li>▪ Expansion and provision of child and development assessment services</li> </ul>	
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		<p>programs and put in place interventions</p> <p>Aboriginal Child and Maternal Health (South Metro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Expand the Aboriginal Maternal &amp; Child Health Program to the Armadale area to increase the number of Aboriginal infants and young children offered child health assessments at key developmental stages.</li> </ul> <p>Aboriginal Child and Maternal Health (North Metro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Expand the Aboriginal Maternal &amp; Child Health Program to the Wanneroo area to increase the number of Aboriginal infants and young children offered child health assessments at key developmental stages.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Expansion and provision of immunisation services</li> </ul> <p><b>2011-13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing implementation , Ongoing process evaluation and development of program using data from outputs and peer review through the Aboriginal Health Partnerships Forums</li> </ul>	
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<b>Management</b>	<p>COAG Governance structures have been established and will remain operational throughout the COAG lifespan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aboriginal Health Partnership Group will provide oversight and management of IECD implementation across the State.</li> <li>• The Statewide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum will provide planning and technical support to the Metropolitan and Regional Planning Forums.</li> <li>• The Metropolitan and Regional Planning Forums will provide ongoing coordination and monitoring of the Metropolitan and Regional programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Aboriginal Health Partnership Group will provide high level governance of COAG IECD initiatives. Responsibilities include delegation of expenditure and approval of appropriate programs/services at State-wide and Metropolitan/Regional levels. This group will oversee appropriate development and implementation of strategies across the State. Members of this Group include high level representatives from the Aboriginal Health Council of WA, WA Area Health Services, the Child and Adolescent Area Health Service, State and Commonwealth Departments of Health and Ageing, WA GP Network and Office of Aboriginal Health.</li> <li>• The State-wide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum will provide governance through provision of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service agreements for programs/services will be developed by the COAG Implementation Team. These agreements will describe the specific financial and service output information which programs/services will be required to report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COAG Implementation Team will prepare a reporting template for the Metropolitan and Regional Health Aboriginal Planning Forums and the State-wide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum. These reports will be provided to the Aboriginal Health Planning Forum.</li> <li>• The State-wide Aboriginal Health Forum will meet on a monthly/bimonthly basis to provide advice/support for the Regional Health Forums.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program/service providers will be required to submit financial reporting on a quarterly basis and service output data on a six monthly basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COAG implementation team will collate financial and service information and report progress on a six monthly basis.</li> <li>• The Metropolitan and Regional Health Planning Forums will provide progress reports to the Aboriginal Health Partnership Group on a six monthly basis.</li> <li>• The State-wide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum will provide a progress report to the Aboriginal Health Partnership Group on a six monthly basis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>2009-10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Metropolitan and Regional Planning Forums develop local Aboriginal Health Plans.</li> <li>▪ Aboriginal Partnership will endorse initiatives for inclusion in the Implementation Plan.</li> <li>▪ COAG Implementation team will develop Service Agreements for programs and services and then release funds.</li> <li>▪ COAG Implementation team develops templates for Metropolitan and Regional Health Forum and State-wide Health Forum</li> </ul>	
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	<p>Individual service providers will implement programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COAG Implementation Team will monitor and report outputs delivered from Statewide, Metropolitan and Regional programs.</li> </ul>	<p>planning and technical support for the Metropolitan and Regional Aboriginal Health Forums. This group comprises representatives from of the Aboriginal Health Council of WA, the WA Health Department and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. This group will provide advice on technical issues including Regional Funding Allocations, Service Agreements, Regional Communication Strategies, Evaluation and Reporting guidelines.</p> <p>The Metropolitan and Regional Aboriginal Health Planning Forums will provide strategic and planning advice at the regional level. These forums include representatives from government and non-government health agencies, Aboriginal Health Services, GP Divisions, Population Health and other relevant agencies. These forums are responsible for developing</p>			<p>reporting.</p> <p><b>2010-11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Metropolitan and Region Health Planning Forums provide ongoing peer review of program/services to address issues at the local level</li> <li>▪ COAG Implementation team reports on the financial status and COAG outputs for Regional and State-wide programs on a six-monthly basis to the State-wide Aboriginal Planning Forum.</li> <li>▪ COAG Implementation team commence reporting annually to the Aboriginal</li> </ul>	
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		<p>regional health plans, and ongoing review and evaluation of COAG funded services at a regional level.</p>			<p>Health Partnership Group.  <b>2011-13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing evaluation and revision of programs/services based on the reporting schedule outlined above</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Linkages and Coordination</b></p>	<p>The Regional and Metropolitan Aboriginal Planning Forums, and the Statewide Aboriginal Forum have used a collaborative approach to determine current activities and identify gaps in service provision at both Regional and Statewide levels. This information has subsequently been translated into both Metropolitan/Regional and IECD Implementation plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan/Regional Aboriginal Health Forums include representatives from key health providers and community groups, and State and Commonwealth Health Agencies. This will allow them to have up to date knowledge of existing and planned jurisdictional activities to ensure that COAG initiatives remain co-ordinated within the broader maternal and child health framework.</li> <li>• The Statewide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum will oversee COAG initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan/Regional Aboriginal Health Forums will meet at least quarterly to facilitate linkage and of initiatives coordination at the health service level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Statewide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum will meet at least quarterly and trouble shoot and disseminate information on a Statewide basis.</li> <li>• All relevant information will be shared across these forums to ensure that jurisdictional activities remain coordinated and appropriate linkages are</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using established governance structure the information will be shared, linked and coordinated across the State.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2009-10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Processes for reporting linkage and coordination activities will be initiated through the development of Service Agreements.</li> </ul> <p><b>2010-11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Metropolitan and Region Health Planning Forums provide quarterly peer review of program/services to address</li> </ul>	

	<p>with the aim of increasing life expectancy by addressing gaps in current activities and complimenting existing or proposed Commonwealth and community based initiatives.</p>	<p>to ensure a coordinated response at a whole of State level through senior representation from each of the Health Regions, the Aboriginal Health Council of WA, Office of Aboriginal Health, and State and Commonwealth representation.</p>	<p>maintained and formed.</p>		<p>issues at the local level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Six-monthly reports will be provided to the State-wide Aboriginal Planning Forum.</li> <li>▪ Annual reports provided to the Aboriginal Health Partnership Group.</li> </ul> <p><b>2011-12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing information sharing and linkages based on the schedule outlined above</li> </ul> <p><b>2012-13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing information sharing and linkages based on the schedule outlined above</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Community Involvement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan and Regional Planning Forums have been established or reinvigorated throughout the State and are meeting on a regular basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Forums comprise a range of local Government, non-government and community controlled service providers, community representatives, and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• All proposals were presented to Forums for consideration and endorsement by community members before being submitted to the COAG Implementation team for consideration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COAG Implementation team will develop Service Agreements with relevant service providers to outline the expected implementation of the funded proposals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing input from communities through the Metropolitan/Regional Aboriginal Health Forums.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal community members are representatives within Metropolitan and Regional Planning Forums which have developed the local implementation plan (Aboriginal Health Plan.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All elements within the implementation plan were presented to Forums for consideration and endorsement before being included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress on the implementation plan elements will be presented to the Forums to allow opportunities for peer review and evidence based analysis.</li> <li>• Progress reports will be provided to the State-wide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum and the Aboriginal Health Partnership Group on a six monthly basis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan and Regional Planning Forums Minutes will demonstrate on-going participation of Aboriginal community members in the development and monitoring the implementation plans.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2009-10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence of ongoing Aboriginal community involvement in the Metropolitan/R regional Aboriginal Health Forums.</li> </ul> <p><b>2010-11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence of ongoing Aboriginal community involvement in the Metropolitan/R regional Aboriginal Health Forums.</li> </ul> <p><b>2011-12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue above processes</li> <li>▪ Assess community involvement through use of a community evaluation assessment model, for example Most</li> </ul>	
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	under the NPA.				<p>Significant Change model  <b>2012-13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue above processes</li> </ul> <p>Continue community involvement assessment.</p>	
<b>Risk Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implementation of initiatives outlined within the Implementation Plan is dependent on the successful management of workforce recruitment and retention, and related infrastructure issues.</li> <li>• The Governance structures will provide oversight and accountability at a local level through the Regional Aboriginal Health Planning Forums and at a state-</li> </ul>					

wide level through the State-wide Aboriginal Health Planning Forum and the Aboriginal Health Partnership Group.

- Oversight by the Aboriginal Health Planning Group which is comprised of key stakeholders, will ensure high level involvement in managing risk.

- Quarterly acquittals and six-monthly COAG Output reporting under the established contract management processes to mitigate program/service financial and implementation deficits