

*Healing our spirit and standing up against family violence.*

*The Diploma is nationally accredited and recognised all over Australia.*

### About this course

**Family violence** is one of the most serious and challenging issues facing our community. It has a direct impact on the trauma and over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in child protection, out of home care, health and the court and justice systems.

We are committed to building the capacity of the workforce to better meet the needs of Aboriginal families and individuals and to support workers engaged in this demanding work.

**Healing.** This course will focus on developing healing approaches to Family Violence in the Aboriginal and wider sector, that are culturally safe and support the whole family and community.

We apply strength based methods for working with individuals and families, including women, men, children & young people who experience or use family violence.

The course explores historic and current trauma that impacts on our families and community. With support from the Healing Foundation we will provide an innovative healing lens across the program. It will be informed by national research, best practice and narrative approaches, to work more effectively with family violence issues.

## DIPLOMA OF COMMUNITY SERVICES INFORMATION SESSION

**22 March 2019**

**10am – 12pm**

**273 High Street Preston**

### Who is it for?

The course is designed for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who currently work or want to work in a variety of roles with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, including in the Community Services, Justice and Health sectors.

### Course content will include:

- Cultural safety, healing and narrative approaches (the Aboriginal Healing Skill Set)
- Family violence prevention, counselling and intervention with Aboriginal women, men, children and young people and the Aboriginal community
- Case management
- Trauma informed practice and responding to crisis
- Legal and ethical compliance
- Group work and program planning
- Diversity and effective communication
- Reflecting on practice, debriefing and worker support
- Risk assessment, risk management and safety planning
- Diversity and effective communication
- Reflecting on practice, debriefing and worker support

### When and where will the course be held?

The course is expected to start on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at 273 High Street Preston in the Dardi Munwurro/ VALS Aboriginal Legal Service training rooms. Participants must be at least 18, complete workplace placements, hold a current Police Check and a Working with Children Check.

### Costs

The course is Skills First VTG funded by State Government. We have concession and non-VTG eligible rates so costs may vary depending on individual circumstances. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student fees will be subsidised under the Indigenous Completion Initiative.

### How will it be delivered?

We value the experience, diversity and lived experience of all participants and trainers from relevant services. We will use a strong healing and cultural approach informed by our Cultural Reference Group.

- Co-delivered by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal trainers and specialist presenters.
- Two-day Workshops every fortnight, which you are expected to attend
- Additional tutorial sessions to support you with learning and assessment tasks
- Dates will allow for Culturally Significant days and school holidays to ensure workers can attend.
- Intensive Group Workshops and individual or small group sessions
- Yarning about workplace issues and your relevant experience.
- Hands-on Assessment tasks mainly completed in class or at work and some further work at home.
- Placements of 240 hours in your own or other agencies or we will help you find other options.
- Assessments are designed for you to demonstrate that you have attained the required skills and knowledge using a range of practically based activities and relevant workplace tasks.

**Further information**  
**Complete and send the attached**  
**Expression of Interest form or**  
**contact David Ellis, Manager**  
**Training and Workforce**  
**Development at**  
**[david.ellis@dardimunwurro.org.au](mailto:david.ellis@dardimunwurro.org.au)**

**Expression of Interest  
Diploma of Community Services (CHC52015)  
Family Violence and Healing**

Family Name _____ Given Name _____	<b>Please tick</b>
Date of Birth: __/__/____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
Residential Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Suburb _____ Postcode _____ State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose
Mobile _____ Home Phone _____	<b>Please tick</b>
Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

**Employment Details** (please complete if applicable)

Name of Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation Address \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date started \_\_\_\_\_

Work area covered \_\_\_\_\_

Other recent work roles \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifications** (please complete if applicable & year completed in)

Manager or supervisor name \_\_\_\_\_ Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Does the agency support and release this participant for the course?  Yes  No

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to apply for the course above and I agree that all the details are true and correct.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please copy and send this Expression of Interest form to [david.ellis@dardimunwurro.org.au](mailto:david.ellis@dardimunwurro.org.au) or call 0411 394410 to contact David Ellis, Manager Training and Workforce Development.*