

# Aboriginal Child Placement Principle reflection tool

Child's name: .....

CRIS #: .....

Practitioner's name: .....

Date: .....



Use this tool to guide your thinking about applying the Aboriginal Child Placement principles.

## Identity

Who in the family is Aboriginal? Who is their mob? Where do they trace their connections to? If the family doesn't know, what efforts have been made to connect? Who has spoken to the child about their cultural identity?

## Partnership

Has there been collaborative, reflective consultation and decision-making? Have I shared all the necessary information with Aboriginal agencies? Has this advice been incorporated into practice?

## Prevention

What supports are in place to address protective concerns? Does the family understand what needs to change for child protection to close? Are we actively supporting reunification? Have the family circumstances changed?

## Participation

Have I created an environment where families feel safe to participate in decision-making? Am I honest and respectful in my communication? Is there someone else the family can nominate to represent their view?

## Placement

Have I conducted a thorough risk assessment and review of the case plan to ensure a child is able to remain at the highest level of the placement hierarchy? How do my own values and views contribute to my assessment? Do the carers know where to go for support?

## Connection

How does the child connect to culture, family and country? Do I understand who in the extended family is important to the child? Does the child have meaningful connections to their family?

## Reflection

What's working well in our practice with this family?

What are the gaps?

How can the gaps be addressed?

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