

# “Through Young Black Eyes”

## Protecting Indigenous children from the impact of family violence and child abuse

In June 2002 the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) produced three publications under the heading *Through Young Black Eyes*. The Handbook and pamphlets aim to inform Indigenous parents and families about the impact of family violence on children and strategies for dealing with these issues. These publications come in the wake of a book produced by SNAICC ten years ago *Through Black Eyes* which was a national resource handbook aimed at assisting communities to develop the strength to talk and take actions against domestic violence.

The new series of publications consists of a handbook, a community leaders guide and parents leaflet and all can be obtained free of

charge by contacting SNAICC. The material aims to provide Indigenous communities with longer term strategies to address issues of family violence and child abuse and in particular to raise awareness about the impact of abuse and neglect on children. The handbook offers explanations of family violence, child physical, emotional and sexual abuse and neglect, how violence impacts on children, how child abuse and family violence be identified as well as offering explanations about child protection reporting procedures and mandatory reporting legislation.

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