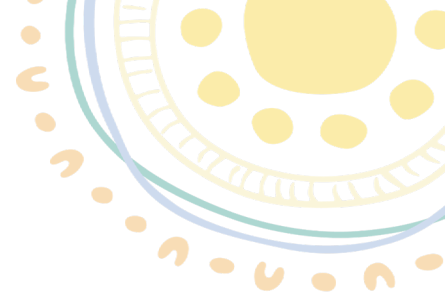




Survey Participant Information Sheet

Study Title: Wilto Willo: Community-led Solutions to Reducing Aboriginal Children and Young People in South Australian Out-of-Home Care

Organisations Involved

- Kornar Winmil Yunti (KWY) Aboriginal Corporation
- The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI)

What is this project about?

Wilto Willo, meaning “*Spring Star*” in the Kurna language, is KWY’s Aboriginal-led research project dedicated to addressing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Out-of-Home Care (OoHC).

The project is funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS) and delivered in collaboration with The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI).

Who can participate?

To participate, you must meet the following criteria:

- Aboriginal community members with lived experience of the child protection system OR
- Non-Aboriginal parents or carers of an Aboriginal child/young person with lived or living experience of the system
- Resident of South Australia
- Aged 18 years or over

What does my participation involve?

Complete a 10-15 minute anonymous and confidential online survey on what changes are needed within the system to keep our kids safe and in community.

What will I receive for participating?

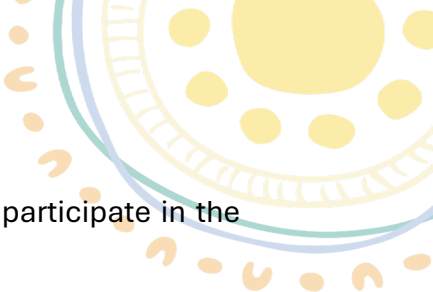
As thanks for your time and contribution, you can enter a draw to win one of three \$150 gift vouchers.

How much can I choose to share?

You decide what and how much you want to share.

Voluntary Participation

- Taking part is entirely voluntary.



If you choose to participate, you will be asked to provide consent to participate in the survey. This tells us that:

- You understand the survey
- You agree to take part
- You consent to how your information will be used

You will be able to download a copy of this document to keep, if you wish.

What if I change my mind or want to stop?

Participation in this survey is voluntary. You can withdraw from the survey without penalty or disadvantage at any time — no explanation needed.

Because this survey is anonymous, once your responses have been submitted it will not be possible to withdraw your data, as the researchers will not be able to identify your individual responses.

What personal information will be collected?

We only collect what is necessary:

- Age group
- Gender
- Mob (nation/group)

What survey topics will be covered?

The survey asks about:

- Your experiences with the child protection system
- Prevention and community-led change
- Strengths and enablers in families and communities
- Ideas for system reform and cultural safety

How will my information be used?

Your anonymous responses may be used in:

- Project reports and publications
- Presentations to community and government
- Development of Wise Practice models
- Online summaries and updates

Ownership and storage:

KWY owns the project data. The responses you provide in the survey will be stored securely by KWY in access-controlled folders on KWY's online system and servers. Access will be limited to authorised Wilto Willo team members only.

- Your name and contact details (if provided to enter into the draw) will be kept separate from your survey responses .

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- Data will be managed in line with Aboriginal Data Sovereignty principles.

All digital data will be:

- Stored securely for 5 years, then securely destroyed
- Deleted from KWy and TACSI servers

Confidentiality and Privacy

Your participation in this survey is confidential and anonymous.

Any identifying information you provide, (for example, your email address to enter the \$150 voucher draw), will not be linked to your survey responses and will be stored separately.

Only authorised members of the research team will have access to any identifying information

- Data will be retained for 5 years, then securely destroyed

Risks of participation?

Some topics may bring up difficult or upsetting feelings.

If you become upset, we can connect you to free counselling and support services. Support services include:

- 13Yarn – 13 92 76 | 13yarn.org.au
- Brother to Brother – 1800 435 799 | dardimunwurro.com.au
- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- Headspace – 1800 650 890 | headspace.org.au
- Beyond Blue – 1300 22 4636 | beyondblue.org.au
- 1800 RESPECT – 1800 737 732 | 1800respect.org.au

Benefits of Participation

You may benefit by:

- Sharing your voice to support community-led change
- Helping design better systems that keep Aboriginal children with family and culture
- Contributing to a process that uplifts Aboriginal ways of parenting and care

Ethics Approval

This project has been approved by the Aboriginal Health Research Ethics Committee (AHREC), Project number: [Insert ethics approval number].

Questions, Concerns or complaints

If you have any questions about the project or survey, you can speak to one of our Aboriginal facilitators on 0423 792 696 or email wiltowillo@kwy.org.au.



If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding complaints about the ethical aspects of the survey, or your rights of a participant, you can contact:

- Aboriginal Health Research Ethics Committee (AHREC), Manager, Research and Ethics at research@ahcsa.org.au or call (08) 8273 7200, or visit 220 Franklin Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

What happens next?

If you are happy to participate, we will:

- Ask you to provide your informed consent at the start of the survey
- Complete the survey