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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Framework

Easy English
Version





Working with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people who did crime

ACT Corrective Services



Easy English

Hard Words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the hard word is in **blue**
- we will write what the hard word means.



You can get help with this book.

You **can** get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.





About this book

This book is written by **ACT Corrective Services**



ACT Corrective Services

- is part of the government



- helps to keep the community safe.

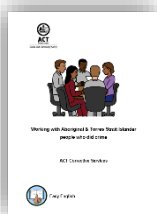


We

- look after prisons



- run programs for people who did crime.



This book is about the ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Framework**.



A **framework** is a set of important things for us to know and do.



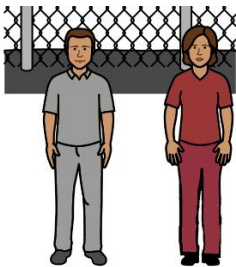
This Framework is about how we work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This book is a shorter version of the Framework.



You can find the Framework at:

<https://www.correctiveservices.act.gov.au/about-us/policies-and-publications>

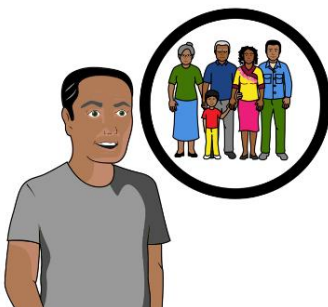


The aim of the Framework is for us to work better with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, so that

- they do **not** go back to prison



- they do not have to be on a **community correction order**.



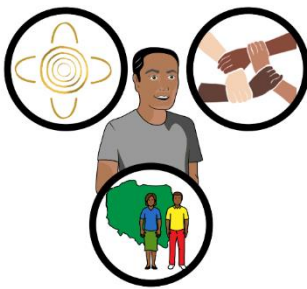
A **community correction order** is when someone who did crime can stay in the community **if** they follow some rules.

A judge or magistrate decides what the rules are.



Things we need to know

Everyone who works for ACT Corrective Services needs to know these important things:



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need and deserve access and connection to their culture.

Culture is needed for healing.



- Family is important.

Everyone in a family has a job to do.



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people know the most about themselves, their families, their culture and their communities.



- It is important we talk to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are in prison, their family, and the community about what they need.



- ACT Corrective Services has a **responsibility** to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prison and in the community.



Responsibility means we have a duty to make good decisions about what actions need to happen.



- We need to listen, honour and be respectful when people make suggestions or complaints.



- When Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities work with us, they need to

- » be able to make choices
- » have their ideas heard and respected.

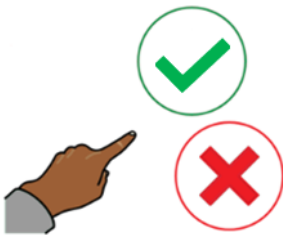


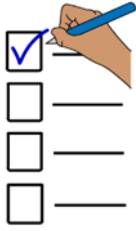
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to be part of deciding

- » what is working

and

- » what is **not** working.





Goals in the Framework

There are **4** important goals in the Framework:



- 1.** Everybody who works for ACT Corrective Services understands



- what happened to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia's past

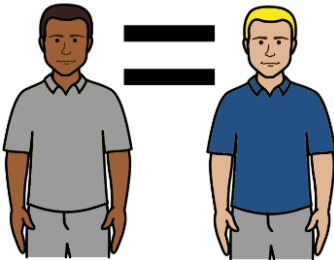


- what still happens to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people today and how that impacts them.

2. We aim to be a place where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are

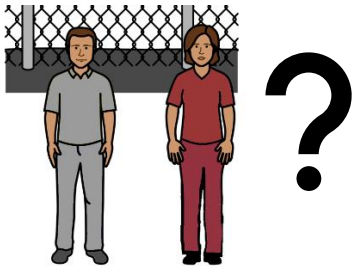


- free from racism



- treated fairly.

3. Programs should be about



- the bigger reasons that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people go to prison



- the issues people have to deal with when they leave prison.



4. We will work with other services, including **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)** to reach our aim.



ACCOs are groups of Aboriginal people working together to make the lives of all Aboriginal people better.



How will we know if we are reaching our goals?



We will tell the community about

- what we are doing to get to the goals
- how it is making things better for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people we work with.





More information

For more information contact ACT Corrective Services



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