

PROFILE OF CONTRIBUTORS



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Marlene Burchill is a Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Werong woman from central Victoria. She completed her Master of Social Work on Healthy Workplace Practices in Indigenous family preservation programs in 2003. Marlene has worked as a social worker and trained Family Therapist. Her roles included managing the Burri Family Preservation and Extended Care Programs run by the Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative (Dec 1997 - Jan 2001), and as a counsellor at the Goulburn Valley Community Health Service. Marlene worked for the Australian Institute of Family Studies from 2004-5 where she was responsible for working with local family support and community development projects around Australia to support their action research activities, and to assist with evaluation of these projects.

LEANNE RAMSAMY, BA (HEALTH PROMOTION)

Leanne Ramsamy is a Kukaji, Western Yulungi and Walkerman woman from the Gulf and Western Cape York Peninsula areas. She has over 15 years experience in management and consultancy services to Aboriginal-controlled health services. She has held government positions in health policy and planning, health promotion and community development. Leanne has excellent skills in networking, facilitating and report writing, having worked as a consultant with many organisations working with rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. She has extensive experience in conducting community consultations and organisational reviews.

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Sandi Taylor is a Kalkadoon, Ngnwun and Yirandali woman from northwest Queensland. Over a twenty-year period, Sandi has contributed to the development and enhancement of key service provision primarily for Indigenous Peoples which is owned, driven and sustained by Indigenous people and their communities. She has extensive experience in service provision in

such areas as Women's Services – Domestic Violence and Legal Advocacy, Health Training, Employment and Education, Youth Services and more recently facilitating access and equity to library and information services on a statewide basis. Within Queensland, she has worked across a range of Indigenous community-controlled organisations and within dedicated and mainstream units within government departments at state and regional levels. Sandi has an extensive in-depth of knowledge and experience in community development and planning processes from an Indigenous perspective.

NON-INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS:

DARYL HIGGINS, BA (HONS), GRAD.DIP.PAST.COUNSL., PHD, MAPS
Dr Higgins joined the Australian Institute of Family Studies to manage the National Child Protection Clearinghouse in 2004, after having been a Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology at Deakin University. He is a Registered Psychologist and has been researching in the field of child and family wellbeing, family functioning and child abuse and neglect for over 12 years. Daryl has been the recipient of a number of research grants and has more than 20 articles published in peer-review journals. He has given more than 60 invited addresses, or presented papers at national and international conferences.

LEAH BROMFIELD, B.APP.SCI (HONS)

Leah Bromfield joined the Australian Institute of Family Studies in September 2004 as a Senior Research Officer for the National Child Protection Clearinghouse. She has recently submitted her PhD on the topic of chronic child maltreatment in statutory child protection services. Prior to her appointment at the Institute, Leah was Research Coordinator at Barwon Health Paediatric Adolescent Support Service where she undertook research in the area of paediatric psychology. Since her appointment she has been involved in various commissioned research reports, including out-of-home care issues for Indigenous communities.