

## Tanja Hirvonen

Tanja Hirvonen is a proud Aboriginal Australian woman who grew up in Mount Isa, QLD, and is from the Djaru people of Halls Creek WA, Bunuba people of Fitzroy Crossing WA and connections from the Barkly Tablelands NT. Tanja is a Psychologist who has just completed Clinical Masters in Psychology. Tanja has lived and worked in rural/remote settings for the past 15 years. Tanja commenced work at the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) in late 2014. Since this time, Tanja has been involved in the work that AMSANT is doing examining the relevance of trauma informed care to the delivery of Aboriginal primary health care services and providing training and support on this topic to Aboriginal community controlled health services throughout the NT. Tanja and her AMSANT colleagues recognise trauma, both historic and present day, as a significant underlying issue to many of the most complex issues being faced throughout communities, this recognition led to AMSANT's work exploring the principles and relevance of trauma informed care to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.