Aboriginal Child Well Health Checks—the benefits of a positive first experience

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For the past year (with federal funding) we have conducted an Aboriginal Child Well Health Checks program; providing a ‘positive first experience’ for young Aboriginal children and their families to access mainstream services in the Murray Bridge community. The mainstream services targeted were based on needs identified in the SA Aboriginal Health Care Plan 2010–2016.

Our experience has been one of success, particularly regarding dental health checks.

At this Conference we would like to present our journey over the past few years to establish and evolve our program, why we think we are on the right track, what we think will be essential for success in the future, and the challenges around developing cultural competency of mainstream services.