Jennifer Perino

Jennifer Perino is employed within the NSW Health services as Senior Health Clinician for the Dubbo Joint Investigation Response team. In this role she provides an interface between health services and the tri-agency partners of NSW Police Child Abuse Squad and Family and Community Services JIRT in the investigation response to child abuse and child sexual assault.

Jennifer’s background as a mental health clinician with specialist skills in trauma, abuse, and critical response have been particularly focused on children and assisting them to recover from the impacts of their experiences.

Jennifer established and managed a successful private practice for more than a decade in the rural remote towns of western New South Wales establishing services in numerous towns, providing training and support for service providers, clinical supervision for domestic violence workers, counsellors, Aboriginal health workers, and practical workplace assessments for counselling students.

Jennifer’s expertise in domestic violence, trauma and crisis counselling supported the presentation of domestic violence forums in ten towns from Broken Hill, Bourke and Cobar through Nyngan, Narromine and Dubbo to Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Coonabarabran and Coonamble.

After 4–5 years as Regional Coordinator of the Bila Muuji Social Emotional Wellbeing Initiative for a consortium of Aboriginal Health Services auspice by Bourke Aboriginal health service, Jennifer left NSW to work as mental health clinician for the Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise. Utilising professional networks and excessive creativity Jennifer was instrumental in choosing, customising and implementing Norfolk Island child protection frameworks and developing links and partnerships to promote equity of access to health services.