Sharon Smith

Sharon Smith works as a rehabilitation coordinator (social worker) with the Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Service (ABIOS), a community-based rehabilitation and case management service for adults with acquired brain injury. Sharon has been an advocate within ABIOS for the development of culturally appropriate responses to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with brain injuries, their families and their communities. She was lead investigator (with her colleague, Susan Gauld) on the three-year research project working with remote Indigenous communities (2006–09) to develop the most suitable and culturally appropriate community-based service model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults with acquired brain injury and their families. With colleagues, she has developed and implemented a training program on brain injury for health workers. She continues to work on advancing knowledge and skills to improve services and supports for people with brain injury and their families, with a special focus on partnering with Indigenous communities to develop culturally appropriate services and supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with brain injury, their families and their communities.