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Outline of presentation

- Brief overview of project
- Update on progress
Project Overview

Title: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Aboriginal people

Explore Aboriginal worldview on ADHD and its management.
Project Overview

Aims:

- Aboriginal conceptualisation of ADHD
- Belief system and explanation of the ADHD symptoms
- How Aboriginal family/community manage ADHD without mainstream mental health intervention
- Elicit the help-seeking behaviour of the Aboriginal family/community when an Aboriginal child is affected by ADHD.
Project Overview

Method:
- Aboriginal Steering Group and cultural consultants
- Focus group interviews
- Sampling area: Perth (North and South of River)
- Inclusion criteria: Must be Aboriginal person; at or above 18 years; and no neurodevelopment or psychiatric disorder
Findings will be used to:

- Develop a more cultural sensitivity and appropriate measure of ADHD for Aboriginal children;
- Develop a mental health service delivery model in managing Aboriginal children affected by ADHD.
Project development

Project been submitted for the followings:

- Curtin Internal Grant
- Australian Rotary Health Research Project Grant
- Healthway Research Fellowship
Project development

Ethics Application:
- Curtin Human Research Ethics Committee
- Western Australia Aboriginal Health and Information Ethics Committee (5th Oct 2009)

- Expected start date: Jan 2010
- Expected end date: Dec 2010
Future Development

Year 2011 onwards:

-- Replication in regional and remote WA.
-- Developing ADHD measure and ADHD model (collaboration with Dr. Neilson Martin)
-- Prevalence rate
Wish me Good Luck!!!!!

Thank you for your attention