



Danila Dilba
Health Service

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Joining Hands: MOU signing event between Danila Dilba and CAAPS during NAIDOC week

Two key Aboriginal organisations in Darwin, Danila Dilba Health Service and CAAPS Aboriginal Corp, will be signing a landmark Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to work together in delivering services to address substance use and addiction amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The agreement will be signed in an event to take place at CAAPS during NAIDOC week on the 12th July 2018 at 12PM.

This agreement shows a strong example of leadership and collaboration between Aboriginal organisations working together in partnership and collaboration to deliver more effective services. According to Danila Dilba CEO Olga Havnen, “too often organisations in the NT work in a bubble, not collaborating with other organisations for fear of losing control over services. We are going into this agreement recognising that partnerships are needed to be more effective in achieving lasting results.”

The partnership being formed between Danila Dilba and CAAPS will provide seamless support to Aboriginal people to address their substance use and the impact that this has on their lives and families. CAAPS CEO Jill Smith commented that “for many years, we have been working with clients who also accessed Danila Dilba services. Working in partnership together, means we can develop better and more informed solutions for each individual client.”

Going forward, CAAPS and Danila Dilba Health Service will deliver complementary, evidence based services to address substance misuse and addiction. The Memorandum of Understanding will ensure that referral pathways and support services are easily accessed and that ongoing support is provided to people wanting to overcome their addiction.