

Aboriginal
Wellbeing Conference



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Something Between Heritage & Identity

FORUM



ABORIGINAL

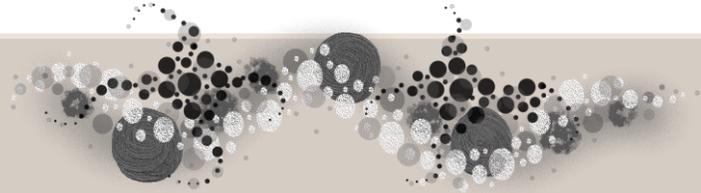
HERITAGE + IDENTITY





**WHERE
DID THIS
DISCUSSION
ORIGINATE
FROM?**





LATERAL VIOLENCE



**FAMILY GROUP
CONFERENCING**



ABORIGINAL HERITAGE



Describes a person who;
Can trace their Aboriginal decent from within their family's blood lines, and
Defines a person's decent or the lineage.

Aboriginal heritage allows a person with the opportunity to acknowledge their ancestry **without** the obligation of immersing themselves into the Aboriginal culture.





ABORIGINAL IDENTITY



Describes a person who;
**Is of Aboriginal decent from within their family's
bloodline, and**
Lives their life immersed in their culture.

Aboriginal identity encompasses a person's qualities, beliefs, morals to create their sense of self, which is defined by a set of shared cultural responsibilities and expectations as that of other Aboriginal Peoples.





Heritage & Identity In Practice

Do you believe there is a difference
between heritage and identity ...

And what are your thoughts





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Is it the right of organisations who
provide services or have responsibilities
to Aboriginal young Peoples,
to determine if a person
is Aboriginal ...

Are there times this would be ok?





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*What are your thoughts about the
following statement ...*

*Are we forcing culture onto people who
just want to honour their heritage*





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Could mainstream services be more effective for people who may just want their heritage recognised





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FINAL COMMENT

Or

WORDS OF WISDOM



However ...

Consultation with the individual or family

MUST OCCUR

to explore whether a child and family could be encouraged and supported on their journey towards attaining their Aboriginal identity.

DO NOT

exclude these families from opportunities to further immerse themselves in their Aboriginal culture as a means to self determining their own sense of identity.



Aboriginal Identity is best defined as ...

**Understanding and acknowledging a person's
Aboriginal ancestry**

Valuing the person's connection to their ancestry

**Respect and connections to cultural
responsibilities**

Immersion in culture and cultural activities

Self-defined by the individual person.



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