

If you are worried about a sexual problem...

Call the Family Planning Association
(08) 9227 6177

Call the AIDS Youthline
(08) 9429 9944

If you are feeling a lot of stress, are depressed, or are worried about suicide...

Call the Samaritan Youthline
(08) 9388 2500
Country callers 1800 193 313

Call Kids Help Line
1800 551 800

Call Crisis Care
1800 199 008

Call PET (Psychiatric Emergency Team)
1800 166 167

If you have any other questions about where to go for some other type of help or health care...

If you have any concerns which are not on the list, we urge you to talk with someone in your family or to see your school nurse or counsellor, or family doctor.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH SURVEY



Information for Teens

What is the purpose of the Aboriginal Child Health Survey?

This is a survey to study the health and well being of Western Australian Aboriginal children, teenagers and their families. The survey asks questions about how Aboriginal families work together and about their problems and achievements.

How will the results be used?

The results of the survey will be used to plan programs to upgrade services in education, social welfare, housing, justice, health and other government and private organisations focused on the needs of Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

Who will conduct the survey?

The TVW Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, located at Princess Margaret Hospital will conduct the survey. A steering committee made up of Aboriginal people has been set up to assist and oversee the general operation of the survey.

How have households been selected?

Households have been selected using a random process that gives each household an equal chance being picked to participate.

Is the survey compulsory?

No. Your participation is voluntary. To take part in the survey we will require your consent.

What does the survey require me to do?

The study involves you answering a series of questions assisted by a trained interviewer. One of your parents will be interviewed as well about you. Permission will be asked from you and one of your parents/caregivers to approach your school for information about how you are doing at school. Consent will also be asked for access to health information about your birth and hospital records.

Who developed the interviews and questions used in the survey?

The interviews and questions were created by a number of people working in the areas of education, health and welfare along with input and advice from the Aboriginal community.

What kinds of questions will be asked?

You will be asked about your health, family and school life, sexual activity, efforts to seek help for physical or health problems and access and barriers to health care use. Your teacher will be asked questions about your academic and social skills and emotional and health behaviours.

Must every question be answered?

Since participation is voluntary, you are not required to answer certain questions if you choose. However, for the results of the survey to be useful and meaningful, you are encouraged to answer all questions as completely as possible.

How will confidentiality be assured?

Names and addresses are separated from the information that is recorded in the computer. No names or identifying information will ever be released. The TVW Telethon Institute for Child Health Research is bound by national guidelines on the confidentiality of health information and the requirements of the Health Department of Western Australia.

Who do I talk to if I still have questions?

Some of the questions in the survey deal with issues which you may have questions about or want to talk about. Below is a list of organisations in your community and their phone numbers, which you can contact for help or information.

If you have a concern related to the use of drugs or alcohol...

Call the Alcohol & Drug Information Service **(08) 9442 5000**
Country callers 1800 198 024

Call Alanon (for teenage children of alcoholics) **(08) 9325 7528**