

Deadly Families provides outreach, case management, mentoring and advocacy to work through complex issues of trauma with families, particularly those involved in the child protection system.

Recognising that many families are in environments that aren't conducive to healing and recovery, Deadly Connections is moving to a residential model of care to work more intensively. The home will provide a culturally safe and stable environment. Wholistic wrap-around treatment and healing for up to six months will include building living skills, encouraging contact with children if it's been some time, and healthier engagement with government services.

Trinka Kent, Family and Justice Specialist/Team Leader is funded by CAGES Foundation. Trinka has lived experience in the system and is passionate about creating positive change for families.

"I know where the gaps are. I've been on the other side. Unless people have a stable, safe place to call home - any change is not going to be sustainable, if at all possible."

Flexibility in CAGES Foundation funding has enabled staff to respond to every changing community needs. To support women in getting their children back or build closer relationships. To support families navigate government systems through housing advocacy, to different housing pathways or transfers. To link with other Deadly Connections programs like the Deadly Tiddas Women's Group.

***"We work with people up to 12 months after as well. Providing continuity of care and goals around education and employment, supporting them on their pathways and integration into the community."***

***"The system gives up on our people. They assume our mothers can't change. We know they can. We know the trauma that our people face and why. We know how to support our families to break the cycle."***  
***Trinka Kent***