

Murrigunyah Family & Cultural Healing Centre

History of Murrigunyah

Murrigunyah began informally in late 1994 when a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women came together and discussed the needs in their community. In particular, they were concerned about the support available to younger women. There were also concerns that there were no culturally appropriate counselling support services available in the Logan Community.

Who Are We?

Murrigunyah is the only stand alone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual assault support service in Queensland. The staff and Board Members are all women who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander from the Logan City community and its surrounding areas.



Our Aims

- To provide a contact point for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, men, youth and families;
- To provide support services through counselling, advocacy, practical assistance and relevant information;
- To facilitate a cultural link between women, men, youth and families to other services;
- To establish programs which are culturally appropriate for clients and families; and
- Community education workshops on issues surrounding family and sexual violence

Services offered at Murrigunyah

- Sexual assault preventative and support service
- Support counselling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, men youth and their families who are survivors or victims of sexual violence
- Court support
- Educational group sessions
- Information and referrals
- Act as a cultural link with other mainstream services
- Men's Group
- Young people dance group

How do we support our clients

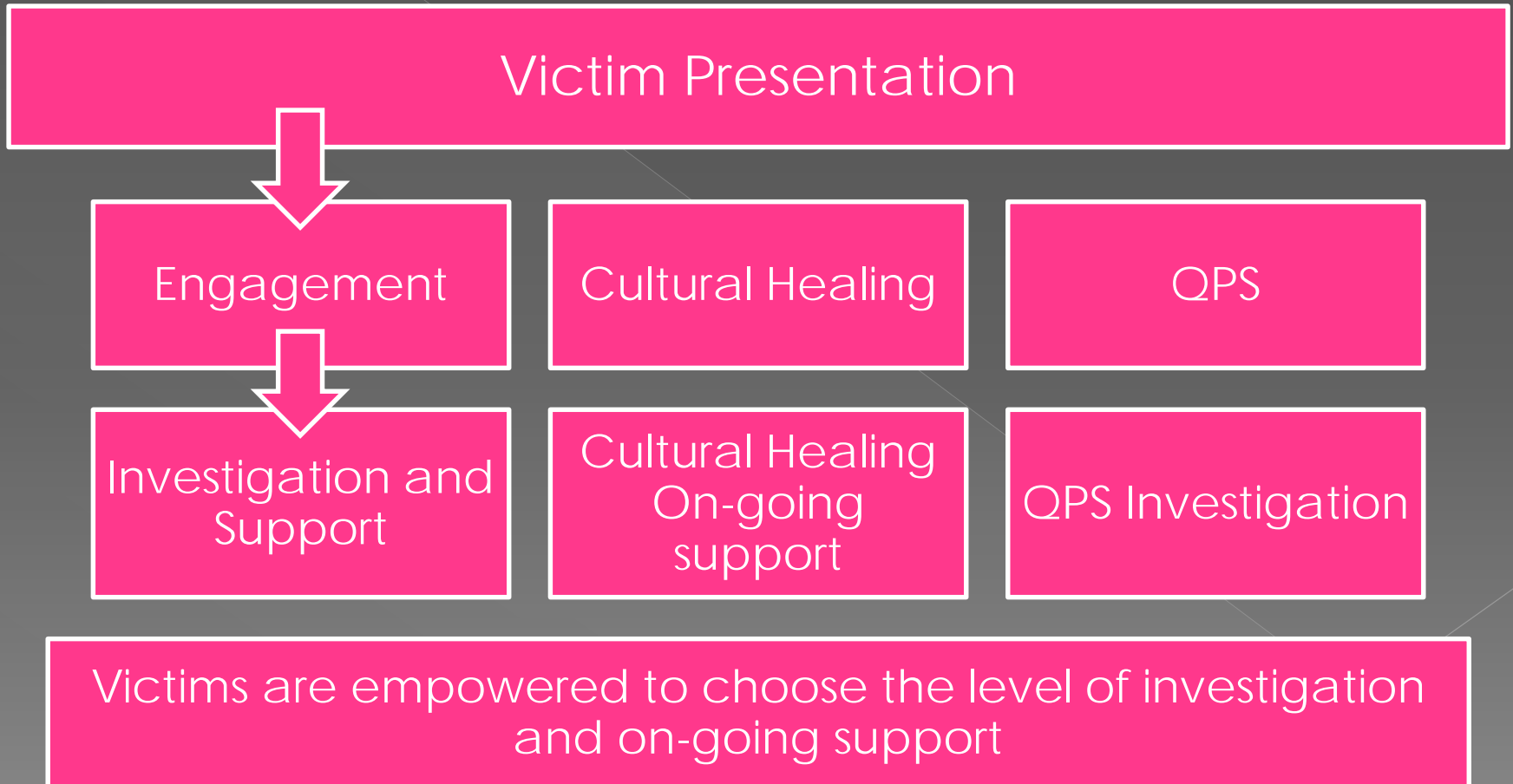
- ◉ Provide a safe and culturally appropriate environment
 - ◉ Being empathetic to the survivor
 - ◉ Empower the survivor
 - ◉ Complete an intake process

Responding to Sexual Assault

Murrigunyah's response focuses on the provision of choice, control, safety and dignity for all survivors of sexual violence.

Early intervention by staff who have specialised knowledge of the systems relevant to survivors, is considered crucial to minimising the short and long term impact of sexual violence.

Murrigunyah Sexual Assault Crisis Response



Victim Presentation

Engagement

Cultural Healing

QPS

Investigation and Support

Cultural Healing
On-going support

QPS Investigation

Victims are empowered to choose the level of investigation and on-going support

How do we respond to Sexual Assault Crisis?

- ◉ We Listen
- ◉ We stay calm
- ◉ We provide a safe space
- ◉ We offer options
- ◉ We provide helpful statements
- ◉ We accept the clients choice
- ◉ We offer confidentiality
- ◉ We let the client know we are here

What services are available to clients

- Murrigunyah Family & Cultural Healing Centre
(07) 32904254
- Centre Against Sexual Violence (07) 38083299
- Contact a [GP](#) or [13 Health](#) for localised information
- [Queensland Police](#) 000 for emergencies, for non-emergency contact [Police link](#) 131 444 or [Crime Stoppers](#) 1800 333 000
- [Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline](#) 1800 010 120
- [1800 Respect](#) 1800 737 732, 24 hour sexual assault and domestic violence support.

Question Time