

## Healing through voice, culture and Country: Short film 2

*Daniel's stories* – Justin Grant, Melodie Reynolds-Diarra

This short film describes the process of making *Daniel's stories*, a fictional storyline developed by Emerging Minds for our e-learning courses about responding to family and domestic violence. The storyline follows Daniel, a young boy who has been put into his nanna's care due to family violence at home. You will hear how important storytelling can be for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. You will also see how this process utilised the lived experience of producers and script writers, to ensure the voice of children was central in this work.

### Learning objective

Working in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family violence space can be some of the most difficult work practitioners can do. Practitioners need to walk alongside families and communities with complex dynamics, navigating the underlying trauma as they work with families to minimise the risk of harm and create safety.



### Consider the following questions individually, or in a group:

1. How can you ensure the voice of children is present when you work with families?
2. Justin speaks of being in a world foreign to his own. How can you minimise this feeling for the families who are seeking support from your service?
3. Melody speaks of the shame that is present for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. What is the recipe she describes to heal trauma for families?
4. How could you ensure Melody's recipe for healing is included in your practice?

▶ Watch this short film: [Daniel's stories](#)

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