

**Child Protection**

**Community Legal Education for Queensland**

**The gross over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care is well known. Community Legal Education in this area is a vital tool to assist in addressing this appalling state of affairs. Mr William (Will) Hayward (pictured) will be delivering a series of local workshops on this subject (at no cost) – and stakeholders, community representatives and parents alike are encouraged to attend and participate.**

**A key aim of our workshops is to resource community members and key supporting stakeholders to ensure an increased ability to appropriately interact with the Department of Communities – Child Safety Services. BUT – we also want to hear from you: how can we best help?**

Our Workshops will include a consideration of:

\* The *Queensland Child Protection Act 1999 and Regulations*

\* Stages of child protection - Intake, Investigation and Assessment and Ongoing intervention

\* Family Group Meetings/Case plan review meeting

\* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific child protection legislation

\* Reviews, appeals and complaints processes

\* Queensland child protection model

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| Location: | Date: | Bookings required: | Capacity |
| Leichhardt Hotel Function Room. Corner Denham & Bolsover Street Rockhampton 4700. | 10th of October | 1 day session from 9:00am until 4.30pm | 40 plus persons |

\* Benefits of legal representation and collaborative partnerships

Feedback from the recent Community Education Forum held in Brisbane highlights how positive and responsive participants viewed the forum. *“ATSILS invites debate while distilling complex legal terminology into easy to access information for families and their supporters. I urge practitioners to engage with ATSILS at a significant time in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander legal access history. Dynamic, culturally informed and compelling.”*