

Building Brighter Futures

Children's Week Forum 2010

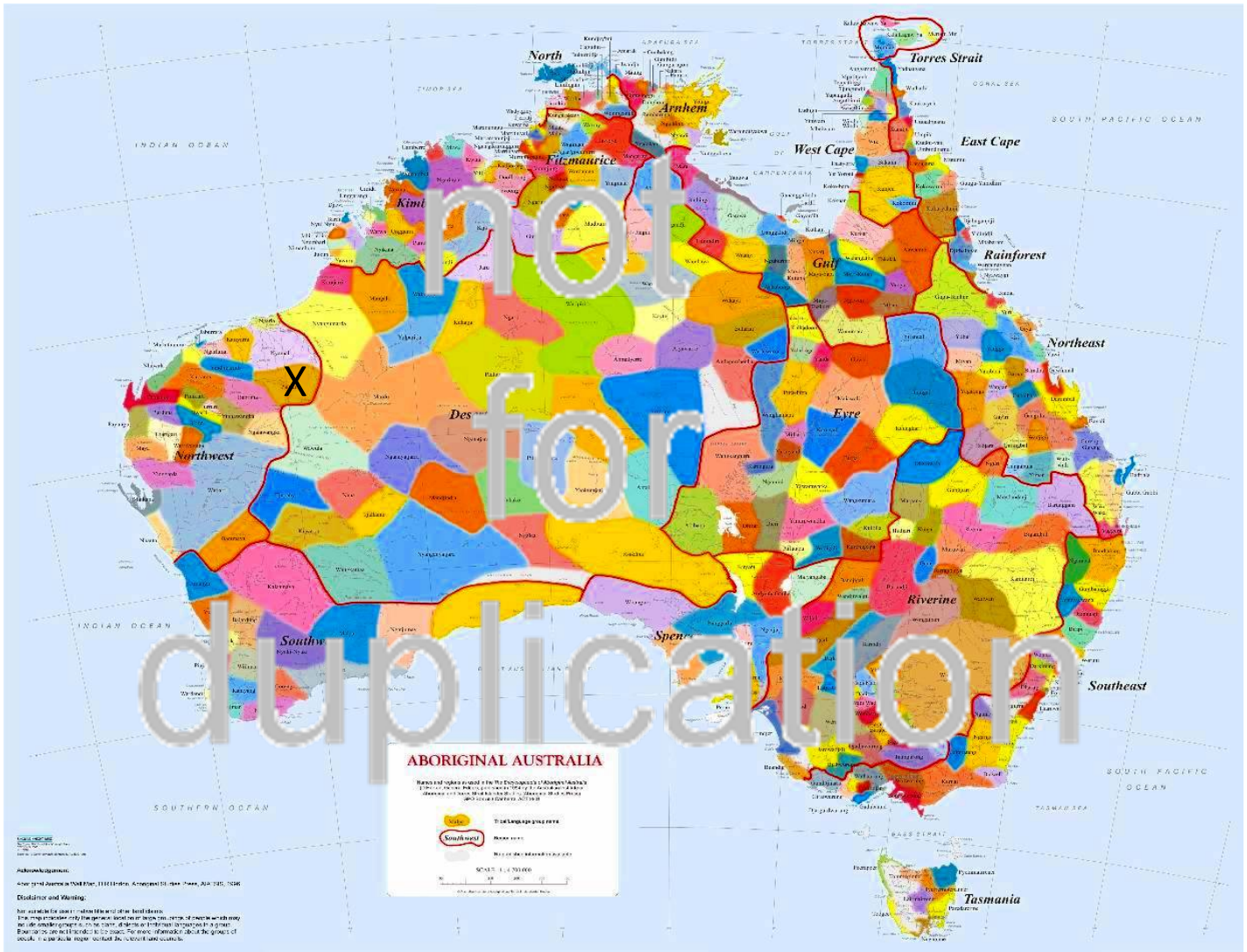
Building better relationships



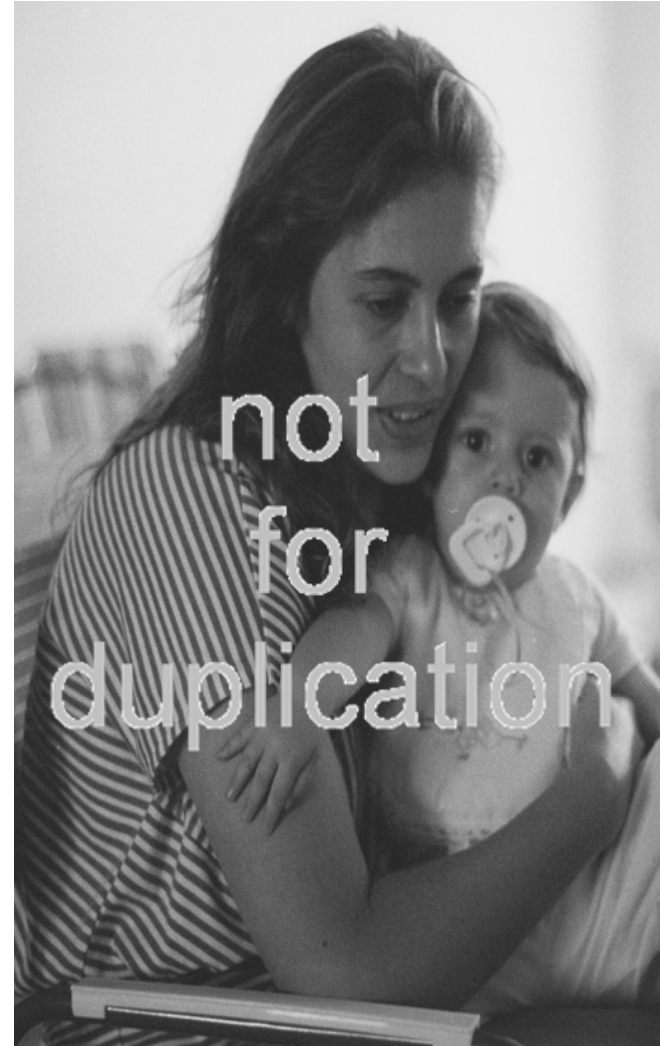
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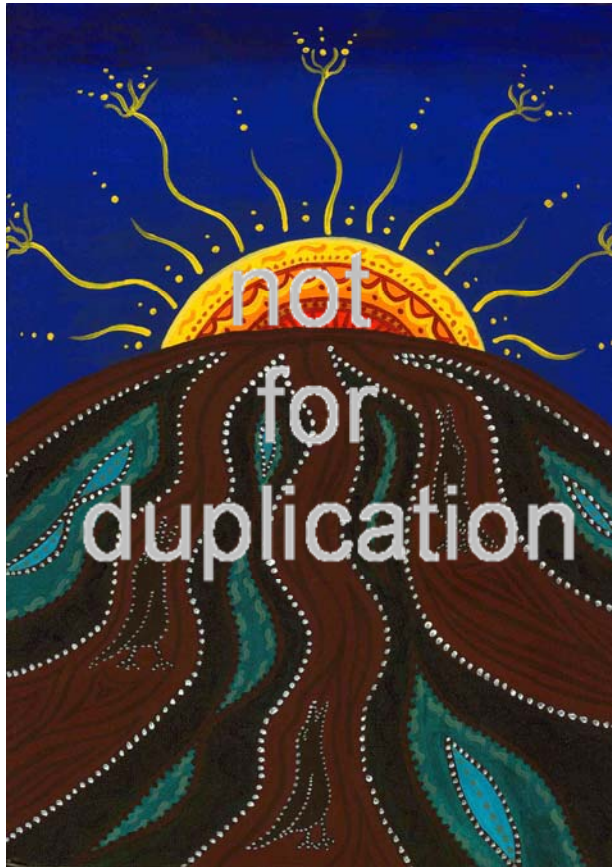
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Relationships begin at home



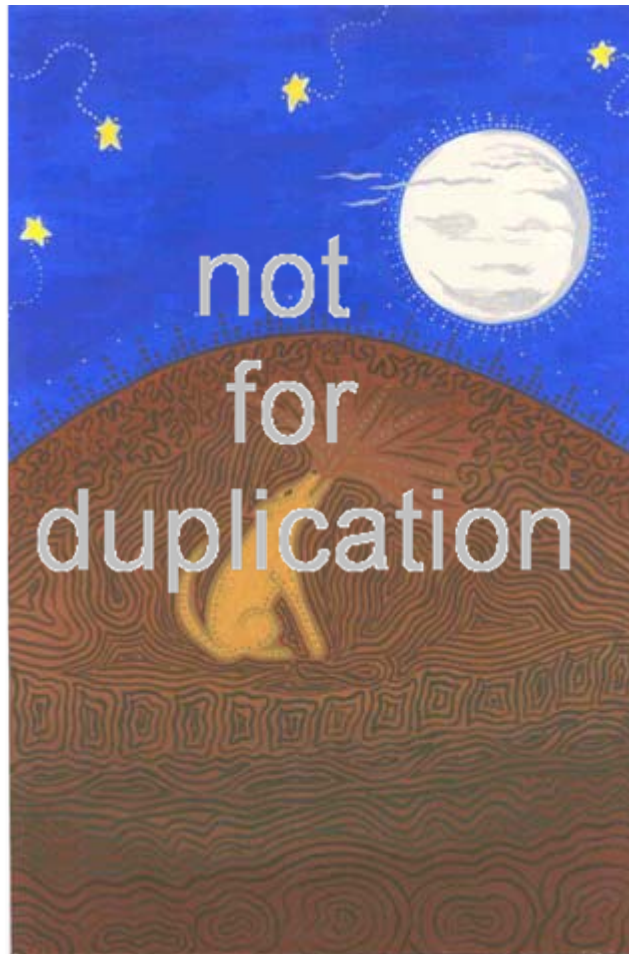
Aboriginal children



The Dramatist

- Importance of children, family, culture and birthright
- Right to History, Recovery, Self-determination
- Sharing Stories

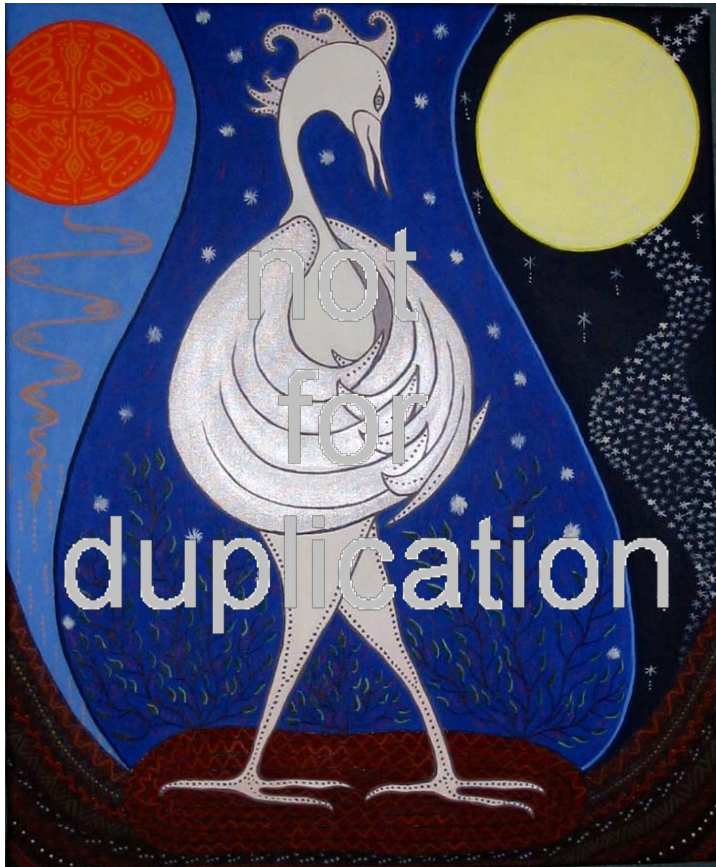
Story about relationships



Talking to the moon

- Shared narrative
 - Bearing witness
 - Enduring relationships
 - Held in mind
 - Image and story are not just for decoration, they hold reflections in life that are important for our understanding and development.
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- Have we resolved the historical legacy yet?
 - What place does reconciliation play in mental health services?

A World Fit For Children



Bringing forth life

- Put children first.
- Protect the Earth for children. We must safeguard our natural environment...for present and future generations.

<http://www.unicef.org/specialsession/wffc>

- The world needs Aboriginal children, they are the future custodians of 'country'

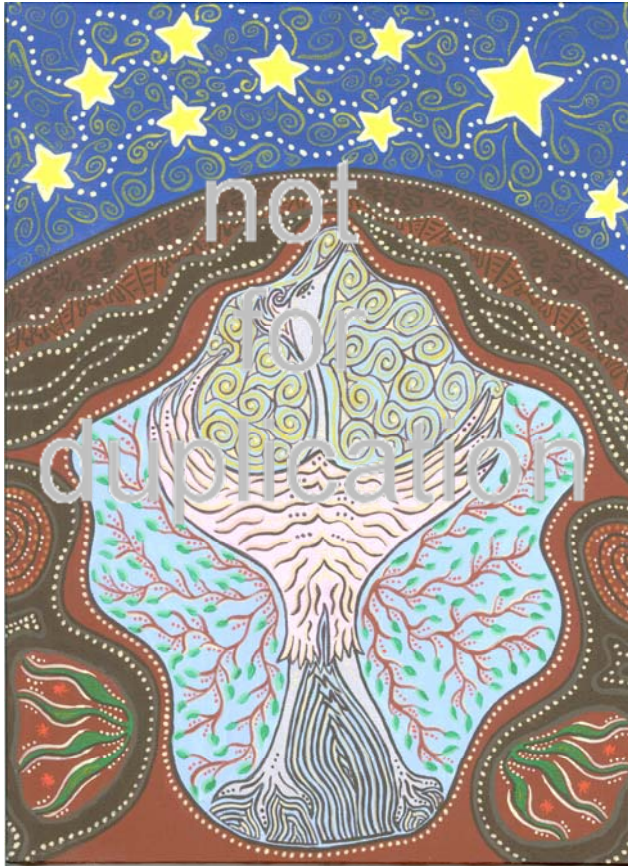
Aboriginal Children need an Aboriginal childhood



- Children learn from their parents/family then society
- Cultural identity begins early in development
- Cultural values are transmitted through family and community
- Importance of buffering
- Importance of 'holding'- physical/psychological/cultural/spiritual
- Cultural inheritance and future place
- Importance of recognition in broader society.
- How are Aboriginal children and their families reflected?
- How do we share stories about Australia?
- How do we develop relationships with each other?

Mother Earth: Birthing the Nation

An Australia fit for Aboriginal children



The Dancer

Best possible start to life

Ensuring healthy growth, development and education

Addressing stress, trauma, grief and loss

Supporting family and community

Promoting cultural pride and identity

Protecting Indigenous knowledge and heritage

Representation and decision making

Valuing their rightful place in the future of Australia

Centrality of importance

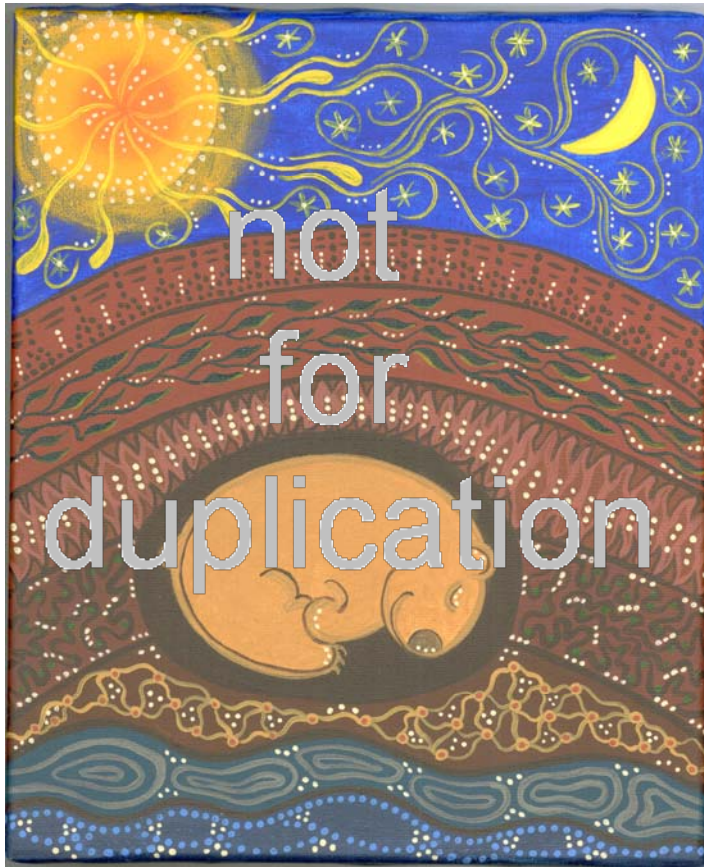
Through developing strong, healthy, sacred relationships

The Future



- The ultimate basis for relationships is our shared humanity.
- The shared vision is to protect the future for all of our children
- The best way to achieve this is to stand strong together

The right story



The Dreamer

- Once upon a time ...
- All Aboriginal/Australian children lived happily ever after