AUSTRALIA
Early Childhood Caries Study
San Diego - 14 & 15 March 2011

Joanne Hedges (Aboriginal Research Officer)
WELCOME

I acknowledge and pay respect to traditional custodians of land we are meeting on today.
ABOUT ME

Noongah Woman

Dental Nurse

26 Years Experience in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service

Mother of 2 Sons

Aboriginal Health Worker

Aboriginal Research Officer
Aboriginal Reference Group

• Cultural Safety

• Recognised in Regions

• Strengthens Study
LOGISTICS

• Support from Aboriginal Community Organisations

• Support from Ante-natal Hospitals

• Support from Mainstream Organisations
RECRUITMENT

Jo Hedges
Aboriginal Research Officer (Regional Areas)

Sabina Coulthard
Aboriginal Research Officer (Port Augusta)

Louise Marsh (Port Augusta)

Jessica Merrick (Women’s & Children’s Hospital)

Kirsten Kennington (Lyell McEwin Hospital)

Maddy Shearer (Flinders Hospital)

Lisa Jameison (Lead Researcher)
Motivational Interviewing

- Introductory Training
- Continuous Coaching
- Implemented
Ownership & Empowerment

• Summarising

• Change Plan

• Take Home Sheet
## WHERE WE ARE CURRENTLY

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ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE

• MAGNETS

• PAMPHLETS

• ANTICIPATORY CARDS
STRENGTHS / WEAKNESSES

STRENGTHS

• Respect for Women’s Oral Health Knowledge
• Good M.I. Training (Validation)
• Aboriginal Involvement
• Aboriginal Communities & Aboriginal Organisations
• Adapted To Suit Australian Study (Rulers, Change Plan)
• Scope for Change in Oral Health Access

WEAKNESSES

• Racism
• Non Aboriginal Organisations Slow To Support Recruitment (ante-natal hospitals)
• Study staff if not good Community will let others know
• Slow Communication Uptake With Public Dental Services
### STRENGTHS

- Based on a lot of evidence based material
- Consultations

### WEAKNESSES

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- ?
End Result

• Improved Oral Health of Our Children

• Changed Oral Health Behaviour of Mothers/Carers

• Improved Holistic Ante-natal Care
Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia Inc.

‘Our health, our choice, our way’