

Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund – Round One

Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program Maari Ma and the Healing Foundation

Aboriginal communities experience family violence at higher rates than the general community.

The *Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program* is a culturally relevant program that will equip Aboriginal people to recognise and respond to behaviours that can lead to violence.

Commencing in September 2017, the *Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program* will be delivered to 1,500 people in Far West NSW over two years.

The *Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program* has been developed by and for the Aboriginal communities of Broken Hill, Wilcannia and Menindee, based on their views on family violence:

- what it looks like,
- what triggers it,
- who is involved, and
- what its impacts are.

The program incorporates cognitive behaviour therapy and coping mechanisms for stress, trauma and resulting behaviours, within an Aboriginal cultural framework.

The program helps to address the many and varied causes of violence in Aboriginal communities.

For further information about the *Kalypi Paaka Mirika Healing Program*, please contact Maari Ma Health Corporation at info@maarima.com.au or on (08) 8082 9764.