

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person attending an ACT Court or Tribunal for any reason is welcome to approach our counters to request assistance. Whilst court staff cannot provide legal advice, they can put you in touch with other organisations that may be able to assist you with support or advice. They can also refer you to the ACT Courts and Tribunal First Nations Liaison Officer who can assist you with connecting with supports and navigating through the ACT Courts and Tribunal processes.

Service	Contact details	Hours and location
Legal Aid ACT Legal Aid can help you with legal problems about criminal matters, family breakdown, child support, mental health, domestic violence, debt, housing and social security. An Aboriginal Client Support Officer is available by contacting the general enquiry number.	General enquiries: 02 6243 3411 Free helpline: 1300 654 314 Website: www.legalaidact.org.au	Hours: 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday Location: 2 Allsop Street Canberra City
Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) ALS provides legal assistance for criminal matters. The ALS can assist people front up at court when they have outstanding warrants or have breached their bail. The ALS also supports those attending the Galambany Circle Sentencing Court and provides advice and support to people leaving prison.	Canberra office: 02 6120 8800 Free helpline: 1800 765 767 Website: www.alsnswact.org.au	Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Location: Level 3, CML Building, 17-21 University Avenue Canberra City
Women's Legal Centre ACT & Region – Mulleun Mura Program for Women The Women's Legal Centre provides legal assistance to women in the areas of family law, victims of crime, employment and discrimination. The Centre's Aboriginal Liaison Officer can arrange for appointments with a solicitor face to face or over the phone and can provide court support and support to women attend meetings and appointments.	Free helpline: 02 6257 4377 Website: wlc.org.au	Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
Victim Support ACT VSACT provides support and information for people who have been victims of crime in the ACT. And outreach for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and multicultural people	Phone: 02 6205 2222 Free call: 1800 8222 72 Website: www.hrc.act.gov.au/victim-support	Hours: 9am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday Location: ACT Human Rights Commission, 56 Allara Street Canberra City

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Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) DVCS supports all people affected by domestic/family violence. This includes people who are subjected to violence and abuse and people who use violence and abuse.	Phone: 02 6280 0900 Website: www.dvcs.org.au	Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Canberra Rape Crisis Centre Confidential counselling and advocacy for women and children who have experienced any form of sexual violence recently or in the past.	Phone: 02 6247 2525 Website: www.crcc.org.au	Hours: 7am to 11pm Monday to Friday
Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service Winnunga provides a wide range of health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT. Community transport to Winnunga is available by telephoning.	Phone: 02 6284 6222 Website: www.winnunga.org.au	Hours: 9am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday Location: 63 Boolimba Crescent Narrabundah
Yedding Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation Provides support within the justice system by addressing the primary causes – trauma, disempowerment, addiction, or harmful anger.	Phone: 1800 86 4663 Website: goodpathways.org.au	Location: 56 Coyne Street Fadden
Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation Gugan Gulwan is an Aboriginal youth Centre providing a wide range of youth and family support programs.	Phone: 02 6296 8900 Website: www.gugan-gulwan.com.au	Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Location: 2 Lansell Circuit Wanniasa
Yerrabi Yurwang Child & Family Aboriginal Corporation Yerrabi Yurwang is an organisation dedicated to empowering generations of culturally strong, thriving Aboriginal children, families, and communities.	Phone: 0400 123 258 Website: yerrabi.org.au	Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Location: 245 Lady Denman Drive Canberra Central
Prisoners Aid – Court Assistance and Referral Service Prisoners Aid provides a Court Assistance and Referral Service (CARS) at the ACT Magistrates' Court offering support and a referral service to people charged with offences in the ACT Courts, along with their families. Prisoners Aid does not provide legal advice.	Phone: 02 6257 4866 Website: www.paact.org.au	Hours: 9am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday Location: ACT Magistrates Court, Knowles Place Canberra City
Brother to Brother 24 Hour Crisis Line Dardi Munwurro provides The Brother-to-Brother crisis line – an Australia-wide service that provides phone support for Aboriginal men who need someone to talk to about relationship issues, family violence, parenting, drug, and alcohol issues or who are struggling to cope for other reasons.	Free helpline: 1800 435 799 Website: www.dardimunwurro.com.au/brother-to-brother/	Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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Sisters in Spirit – ACT Women’s Advocacy Sisters in Spirit Aboriginal Corporation (SISAC) is supporting women and children through culturally tailored support, holistic advocacy services, empowerment, representation and community connection. SISAC has also undertaken research and developed a report on the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the ACT region.	Phone: 02 6257 0794 Website: www.instagram.com/sistersinspiritact	Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Location: Unit 4, 146 Scollay Street Greenway
Postvention Response Service – Thirrili Postvention Response Service provides emotional and practical support to bereaved Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and families impacted by a suicide or other traumatic loss. The people who offer support are called 'Advocates' and are experienced in listening and providing culturally responsive support.	Phone: 1800 805 801 Website: thirrili.com.au/postvention-response-service/	Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Location: Unit 10, 82 Parramatta Street Phillip
AIATSIS – Family History Unit The Family History Unit helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people research their family history, ancestry, and connections to Country and community using records held by AIATSIS and other archives.	Phone: 1800 352 553 Website: aiatsis.gov.au/family-history	Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Location: 51 Lawson Crescent Canberra

Key government contact numbers

Area	Contact	Phone
ACT Courts and Tribunal	Galambany Circle Court Coordinator	02 6207 3951
	First Nations Liaison Officer	02 6207 4581
	General Information Contact	02 6205 0000
Restorative Justice	Aboriginal Guidance Partner	02 6207 3992
ACT Corrective Services	Aboriginal Client Support Officer	02 6207 0888
Bimberri Youth Justice Centre	Aboriginal Family Engagement Officer	02 6205 9051
Canberra Health Services	Court Alcohol and Drug Assessment Service	02 6205 4515
	ACT Forensic Mental Health	02 6205 1551
ACT Community Services	Child and Protection and Youth Justice	13 22 81
Transport Canberra	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community bus service	02 6205 3555
ACT Human Rights Commission	Main contact	02 6205 2222