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Baptist Care SA – Mission & Purpose

Mission: Baptist Care SA expresses God's love and compassion for people, especially those at risk or marginalised, by journeying with them toward the attainment of their full potential

Purpose: Finding ways to make people's lives better

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Baptist Care SA is not an expert, but rather learning with our Aboriginal community as we journey together.

We are learning with:

- Our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Staff
- Our Aboriginal community

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Foundations of working together:

1. Acknowledge Aboriginal people past, present & future as the traditional custodians of the land
2. Past policy and practices of both Government and Church have resulted in injustice, disempowerment and disadvantage including, but not limited to colonisation and assimilation
3. Baptist Care SA embraces the Government's official Statement of Apology to Australia's Stolen Generation

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Colonisation and assimilation has resulted in Intergenerational Trauma which has impacted on:

- Poverty
- Parenting skills
- Childhood trauma and connection with child protection
- Mental Health & AOD

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Baptist Care SA's pro-active approach to positively engage with Aboriginal Staff:

- Take time to sit with and listen to staff
- Design policies such as Cultural Leave to support staff to attend traditional or ceremonial obligations
- Reconciliation Statement
- Reconciliation Action Plan

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**The importance of establishing a rapport with clients.
The process of making a personal connection are
discussed through:**

- Genealogy
- Kinship
- Country
- Clan
- Nation



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The Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service operates with the focus of working with:

- Individual
- Immediate family
- Extended family
- Community

