



ABORIGINAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

## CAPABILITY STATEMENT

# McNeair Aboriginal Psychological Services

## Psychology services for Aboriginal people delivered by Shannon McNeair.

Malgana woman, Shannon McNeair is an experienced and respected Clinical Psychologist, an AHPRA board-approved supervisor for Provisional Psychologists, and a member of the Australian Psychological Society.

Through her newly established private practice, McNeair Aboriginal Psychological Services Pty Ltd (MAPS), she prioritises delivering psychological services to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs). Shannon is known for her ability to engage well with Aboriginal children, families and communities.

Originally from Shark Bay (Gathagudda) in Western Australia, Shannon is based in Geraldton but can work remotely or travel to meet with Aboriginal clients face-to-face in their own communities. She services metro, rural and remote areas according to need.



### KEY SERVICES

MAPS specialises in psychological assessments, intervention/therapy, clinical and cultural consultation, Provisional Psychologist supervision, Employee Assistance Programs, and training for Aboriginal families. Shannon is also available for public speaking engagements.

### ASSESSMENTS

Psychological assessments; specifically Cognitive and Adaptive Functioning Assessments, as well as Autism Assessments. These assessments are required for eligibility and accessibility to NDIS funding and NDIS intervention services.

Shannon can also provide Mental Health assessments and Social & Emotional Wellbeing assessments for Aboriginal children in remote communities. She is included on the private practitioners list for the Department of Communities.

### CONSULTATION

Psychological and cultural consultation, and quality psychological services to ACCOs and government agencies where the majority of consumers are Aboriginal clients. Shannon also supports ACCOs to recruit and retain Provisional Psychologists.

### SUPERVISION

As an AHPRA board-approved supervisor, Shannon is qualified to provide supervision to Provisional Psychologists. She can support, mentor, and qualify developing psychologists to obtain their AHPRA full psychologist registration for professional accreditation.

### EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Psychological services for Aboriginal staff through a company EAP.

### INTERVENTION / THERAPY SERVICES

Shannon offers direct intervention services for referred clients. Her Medicare provider number (6474491X) means that local GPs and ACCOs can refer their clients on a mental health care plan with ongoing review and a rebate available.

### TRAINING

Shannon is registered to provide training for Aboriginal families in programs such as the Circle of Security and Connected Parenting.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

From humble beginnings, Shannon has achieved career success whilst being a single mum of two sons, and juggling study and work. She has faced and overcome many challenges on her journey, including the loss of her parents. Her story inspires people to keep pursuing their goals – whatever they may be.



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Shannon McNeair has over 15 years' experience providing psychological services to children and families with complex psychological and trauma histories.

Her most recent role involved working as a psychologist for over 8 years at the Department of Communities in the remote Pilbara and Gascoyne areas of WA. In this role, she provided comprehensive psychological assessment and clinical services to children and families in contact with the WA Child Protection service.

Her experience includes psychological assessment, intervention, consultation & treatment planning with adults, families, children and adolescents with psychological issues ranging from disabilities to significant complex trauma, mental health disorders, and challenging behavioural issues.

Now in private practice, she specialises in working with ACCOs. She has secured a service agreement with the Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS) until March 2024, and is proud to be giving back to her local community.

## MAPS - PROFESSIONAL & CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

As an Aboriginal owned and operated practice, MAPS is in high demand due to the lack of Aboriginal psychologists available and the overwhelming demand for their services in both cities and communities.

Aboriginal people are over-represented in the rates of suicide, chronic disease, incarceration and other measures of poor health and wellbeing. There are also cultural differences, such as dealing with grief.

As a Clinical Psychologist and Aboriginal woman, Shannon understands. In her own family, she has worked through many of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. She knows from experience that it is possible to overcome these challenges, and keep providing and helping families and communities.

Shannon's work is grounded in attachment theory and systemic theory, which she believes are the best fit for Aboriginal families. Shannon is bound by the APS professional code of ethics and is trustworthy, accessible, flexible and family friendly. She upholds the privacy and confidentiality of her clients and has excellent negotiation and communication skills.

*"I have a genuine passion to make a difference to the lives of Aboriginal individuals, families and communities. I understand our culture, and I support Aboriginal people to live enjoyable, functional and thriving lives."*



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