



AUNTY CHARMAINE HILL

ELDER CO-RESEARCHER

NGULLUK KOOLUNGA NGULLUK KOORT

HER INSPIRATION

My mother, Coral Mourish, and grandmother, Lila Mourish have always been my strength and inspiration throughout my life.

CHARMAINE'S MESSAGE

My advice to other Aboriginal women is to do whatever you set your mind to and know that your dreams can become a reality.

Make yourself heard - there have been times when I know that my opinion is valuable but I been too reserved to voice it. The older I get the more confident I am in making myself heard for the sake of our children and families.

CHARMAINE'S RESEARCH

The Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children, Our Heart) is a five year research project being led by a group of Elder Co-Researchers, with the goal of working with the Aboriginal community of Perth to develop an enhanced understanding of Aboriginal early childhood development and using this to develop policy and practice that will accelerate the closing of the gap in critical early life outcomes.

I came out of retirement in 2016 to work on the Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort project.

WHAT DRIVES HER

I have worked for over 23 years in Child and Adolescent Health and my passion has always been in trying to make a difference to the lives of our children and families.

CHARMAINE'S PEOPLE

I am Ballardong Noongar.