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PROJECT OFFICER

NGULLUK KOOLUNGA NGULLUK KOORT

HER INSPIRATION

CAROL'S RESEARCH

Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children, Our Heart) is a five year research project being led by an Elder Co-Researcher Group made up of nine local Elders. The research team is working together with the Aboriginal community of Perth to improve outcomes for young Aboriginal children and their families.

Before taking on a researcher role with Telethon Kids, I'd worked in early childhood education for 25 years.

WHAT DRIVES HER

I'm passionate about our people and communities having a voice to participate in working together with the wider community to bring about change to improve the health and wellbeing of our Aboriginal children for a better future.

My goal is to help build and guide a better understanding of the importance of developing cultural awareness to provide better health outcomes that sustain respectful relationships between health research, the health profession and the Aboriginal community. My gorgeous Mum, Elizabeth, who passed away from RHD when I was 10 years old has always been my inspiration for living, loving my family and community, and being part of playing a positive role in enhancing the opportunities of Aboriginal families by providing a culturally supportive environment in which our communities can raise confident, resilient children who feel they have something to offer.

I consider it an absolute privilege to work under the guidance of my Elders who are Co-Researchers on the Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort.

CAROL'S MESSAGE

My advice to other Aboriginal women is that you have a wealth of knowledge that you bring with you from your story, family, community and country so don't ever let anyone make you think you are not worthy to sit at their table to create change for a better future.

CAROL'S PEOPLE

I am East Arrernte.