

16 Days of Activism - 25 November to 10 December 2016

## **DAY 4. 28 NOVEMBER 2016**

## **INDIGENOUS WOMEN**

- \* Indigenous women are 12 times more likely to be the victim/survivor of assaults than non-indigenous women.
- \* They are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised for injuries caused by assault by family members than other Australian women.
- \* Indigenous women are 3 times more likely to experience sexual violence than non-indigenous women.
- \* A study of 50 indigenous female prisoners in NSW found that 75% were victims of child sexual abuse, just under half had been sexually assaulted as adults, and 80% were victims of family violence.
- \* Indigenous females are five times more likely to be victims of homicide than non-Indigenous females.
- \* The federal government announced its third action plan to reduce violence against women and children in indigenous communities. See <a href="http://www.dss.gov.au/women/programs-services/reducing-violence/the-national-plan-to-reduce-violence-against-women-and-their-children-2010-2022">http://www.dss.gov.au/women/programs-services/reducing-violence/the-national-plan-to-reduce-violence-against-women-and-their-children-2010-2022</a> (National Priority Area 2 refers).

RESOURCE: 'A State of Knowledge' paper on violence against indigenous women is available at:

 $\underline{http://www.anrows.org.au/publications/landscapes/innovative-models-in-addressing-violence-against-indigenous-women-state}.$ 

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Gallang Place Brisbane 07 3899 5041

Cairns Sexual Assault Service (Family Planning) 07 4031 3590

DV Connect Womensline 1800 811 811 (avail. 24hrs a day, 7 days a week)

North Queensland Women's Legal Service 1800 244 504 (free call; avail. Tues, Wed, Thur. (9.00am – 1.00pm)

National 1800RESPECT Line 1800 737 732

Women's Infolink Service 1800 177 577

VIDEO: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylVTtJNOnys">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylVTtJNOnys</a>