

# Bringing them Home/Link Up Counsellors DSS

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 664863

**Registration status:** [Indigenous](#), Superseded 07/12/2017

**DSS type:** Data Set Specification (DSS)

**Scope:** The Bringing them Home or Link Up Counselling Program data set specification (DSS) describes the counselling services funded by the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) to provide counselling to individuals, families and communities affected by past practices regarding the forced removal of children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

The aggregate level collection supports information to be collected at the counsellor and service provider organisation level.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The OATSIH Services Reporting (OSR) data set specification is used to collect service level information from primary health care, standalone substance use and Bringing Them Home and Link Up counselling service providers that received funding from OATSIH for the reference period.

Bringing them Home and Link Up counsellors do not organise reunions but may be asked to participate in reunions.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2009

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2010

**Comments:** Bringing Them Home and Link Up counselling services were developed in response to the Bringing them Home Report of the 1997 National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families. Bringing Them Home and Link Up counsellors help individuals, families and communities affected by past practices of the forced removal of children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to reunite with their families, culture and community, and to restore their social and emotional wellbeing. The Bringing Them Home Counsellor Program provides counselling and other related services to individuals, families and communities. The Link Up Program aims to assist clients in tracing and wherever possible reuniting with family members, their communities and culture.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

**Reference documents:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2011. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services report 2009-10: OATSIH Services Reporting - key results. Cat. no. IHW 56. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 30 January 2017 <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail?id=10737420224>.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Bringing them Home/Link Up Counsellors DSS Indigenous](#), Superseded 07/12/2017

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## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—memorandum of understanding indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
<i>DSS specific information:</i>			
<p>This data element is used to determine if the Bringing Them Home and Link Up Counselling Program has negotiated any memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with any relevant service, department, organisation, group or individual regarding the services offered by the Program.</p> <p>Note: MoUs in this instance are agreements between services that outline agreed protocols and arrangements for referral, support and other relevant interagency issues between service for Bringing them Home and/or Link Up clients and staff.</p>			
2	<a href="#">Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors employment characteristics cluster</a>	Mandatory	99
1	<a href="#">Person—Bringing Them Home/Link Up counselling position type, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	2
<i>DSS specific information:</i>			
<p>This data element is used to determine the Indigenous status of the Bringing Them Home or Link Up counsellors.</p> <p>In the Indigenous status data element, code 1 (Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin) maps to 'Yes, Aboriginal', code 2 (Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin) maps to 'Yes, Torres Strait Islander', code 4 (Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin) maps to 'No' and code 9 (Not stated/inadequately described) maps to Unknown Indigenous status.</p>			
3	<a href="#">Person—gender, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
<i>DSS specific information:</i>			
<p>This data element is used to determine the gender of the Bringing Them Home or Link Up counsellors.</p> <p>This data collection uses 'Gender' in place of 'Sex'. Note that the Gender data element includes a third category of 'Gender other/diverse' for a person that does not fall within the traditional binary notions of sex. This category is not used in this collection.</p>			
4	<a href="#">Service/care provider—full-time equivalent, unit N[,N]</a>	Mandatory	1
<i>DSS specific information:</i>			
<p>This data element refers to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) units for a BTH or Link Up Counsellor.</p> <p>If the position is half-time it is assigned an FTE of 0.5; if full-time it is assigned an FTE of 1.</p>			

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5	<a href="#">Person—relevant qualification indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
6	<a href="#">Person—level of highest qualification in employment field, Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counselling Program highest level relevant qualification code N</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response to the Person—relevant qualification indicator, yes/no code N data element.		
7	<a href="#">Person (employed)—education field of highest relevant qualification, text X[X(199)]</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response to the Person—relevant qualification indicator, yes/no code N data element.		
3	<a href="#">Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellor formal training course details cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
1	<a href="#">Person—formal training attendance indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element refers to whether the Bringing Them Home or Link Up Counsellors underwent any formal training during the reporting period.		
2	<a href="#">Training event—course code, text X[X(99)]</a>	Conditional	99
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is used when a 'Yes' response is provided for Person—formal training attendance indicator, yes/no code N.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to obtain the course code for any formal training undertaken by Bringing Them Home or Link Up Counsellors.		
3	<a href="#">Training event—course name, text X[X(199)]</a>	Conditional	99
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is used when a 'Yes' response is provided for Person—formal training attendance indicator, yes/no code N.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to obtain the name of the course for any formal training undertaken by Bringing Them Home or Link Up Counsellors.		
4	<a href="#">Training event—name of training provider, text X[X(199)]</a>	Conditional	99
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is used when a 'Yes' response is provided for Person—formal training attendance indicator, yes/no code N.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to obtain the name of the training provider for any formal training undertaken by Bringing Them Home or Link Up Counsellors.		

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4	<a href="#">Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service staff vacancy cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data cluster refers to staff vacancies within the Bringing them Home and Link Up Counselling Program.		
1	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—positions vacant indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—position title, text [X(250)]</a>	Conditional	99
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is collected when a 'Yes' response is provided for Service provider organisation—positions vacant indicator, yes/no code N.		
3	<a href="#">Service/care provider—full-time equivalent, unit N[,N]</a>	Conditional	99
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is collected when a 'Yes' response is provided for Service provider organisation—positions vacant indicator, yes/no code N.		
4	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—length of time position vacant, total weeks N[N]</a>	Conditional	99
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is collected when a 'Yes' response is provided for Service provider organisation—positions vacant indicator, yes/no code N.		
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	The supplementary code '99' is not used for this collection.		
5	<a href="#">Bringing them Home/Link Up Counselling Program client numbers cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Client—Bringing them Home/Link Up Counsellor Program client type, code N</a>	Mandatory	5
-	<a href="#">Person—sex, code N</a>	Mandatory	2
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to determine the sex of the Bringing Them Home or Link Up Counselling Program clients.		
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of clients, total people N[NNNN]</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element refers to the number of Bringing Them Home or Link Up Counselling Program clients.		
6	<a href="#">Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counselling Program client contacts cluster</a>	Mandatory	1

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-	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	2
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to determine the Indigenous status of the Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counselling Program clients.		
	In the Indigenous status data element, codes 1 (Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin), 2 (Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin) and 3 (Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin) are aggregated to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; code 4 (Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin) maps to non-Indigenous and code 9 (Not stated/inadequately described) maps to Unknown Indigenous status.		
-	<a href="#">Person—sex, code N</a>	Mandatory	2
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to determine the sex of the Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors' client.		
-	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of service contacts, total N[NNNNN]</a>	Mandatory	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used to collect the number of individual client contacts made by Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors.		
7	<a href="#">Bringing them Home/Link Up Counselling Program activities cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
1	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors activities type, code N</a>	Mandatory	5
2	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors activities type, text X[X(199)]</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>DSS specific information:</b>		
	This data element is used when an 'Other' response is provided for Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors activities type, code N.		
3	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—proportion of time spent on Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors activities, percentage N[NN]</a>	Mandatory	5
8	<a href="#">Support for Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
1	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—professional supervision for Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors professional supervision type, code N</a>	Conditional	1
	<b>Conditional obligation:</b>		
	This data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response for Service provider organisation—professional supervision for Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors indicator, yes/no code N.		

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3	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—number of hours of professional supervision received by Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors, total hours NNNN</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response for Service provider organisation—professional supervision for Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors indicator, yes/no code N.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  This data element is used in conjunction with Service provider organisation—frequency of professional supervision received by Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors, code N to determine the number of hours of professional supervision by the frequency of supervision (i.e. weekly, fortnightly, monthly).	Conditional	1
4	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—frequency of professional supervision received by Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors, code N</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is conditional on a 'Yes' response for Service provider organisation—professional supervision for Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors indicator, yes/no code N.  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  This data element is used in conjunction with Service provider organisation—number of hours of professional supervision received by Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors, total hours NNNN to determine the number of hours of professional supervision by the frequency of supervision (i.e. weekly, fortnightly, monthly).	Conditional	1
5	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors support type, code N[N]</a>	Mandatory	10
6	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors support type, text X[X(199)]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is used when an 'Other' response is provided for Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home/Link Up Counsellors support type, code N[N].	Conditional	1
9	<a href="#">Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services group activities cluster</a>  <b>DSS specific information:</b>  This data cluster refers to group activities provided by Bringing them Home and Link Up Counselling programs.	Mandatory	1
1	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—group session status, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—group activity type, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services group activity type code N[N]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is used when a 'Yes' response is provided for Service provider organisation—group session status, yes/no code N.	Conditional	16

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3	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—group activity type, text X[X(199)]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is used when an 'Other' response is provided for Service provider organisation—group activity type, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services group activity type code N[N].	Conditional	1
10	<a href="#">Service provider organisation—Bringing Them Home Counsellors coverage and outreach, extended text X[X(∞)]</a>  <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  This data element is relevant to services that employ Bringing Them Home counsellors.	Conditional	1