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QUESTION

What qualifications do employees of the Circuit Breaker Program have?

ANSWER

The recruitment to the Circuit Breaker positions has attracted talented staff with a diverse range of skills, knowledge and experience. Circuit Breaker staff have demonstrable skills and experience working with vulnerable young people with highly complex behaviours and understanding of child and adolescent development, trauma informed practice, alcohol and drug use, poverty, cultural identity, mental health and disability. Staff may also have qualifications in social work; psychology; child, youth and family intervention; or safe communities in the area of child protection.

Circuit Breaker currently has 34 staff who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. These staff are recognised for their expert knowledge, lived experience in community and solid networks with families and communities.

All staff appointed to Circuit Breaker roles receive additional training, which includes child protection induction, family responsibility agreements, trauma-informed practice, Maybo training and domestic and family violence-informed practice.

The department continuously reviews the education and training suite delivered to these staff.