

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 169

**Topic:** Family Mental Health Support Services (FMHSS)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Wright** asked:

What steps has the government taken to address prevention and early intervention youth mental health support for CALD and Aboriginal young people?

**Answer:**

Family Mental Health Support Services (FMHSS) service providers are required to prioritise vulnerable groups, including Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Indigenous families, and ensure culturally-appropriate service delivery.

The FMHSS model provides intensive early intervention support for children and young people, aged 0–18 years, who are exhibiting early signs of mental ill-health, or who are at risk of developing mental illness. The service model was co-designed with providers of early intervention and prevention children's services.