Introduction

- Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children, Our Heart) Project
- Focuses on importance of culturally appropriate fit between values, needs and expectations of Aboriginal families
- Elders (community leaders) as co-researchers; Aboriginal people guide project
- Bring Aboriginal communities of Perth together with service providers/policymakers that influence a range of later life outcomes

Reflection

- Housing as a foundational tool for the wellbeing of families
- Qualitative nature of questions allowed for variety of responses
- Highlighted possibility that families may not have other mediums to voice their concerns
- Caretakers hint at knowledge of environmental health without prompting

Objective of Internship

Using the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC), I conducted thematic analysis and preliminary examination of descriptive statistics to see what housing issues Aboriginal families face and the shortcomings of questions related to housing.

Work profile

- Conduct a thematic analysis using the qualitative question: What needs to be repaired in the home?
- Housing security as one of priority research areas for project
- Housing in an urban context for Aboriginal families is overlooked in research
- Addressing social determinants of health through community’s suggestion

Looking ahead

- Reflected on what it means to actually engage with underrepresented communities
- A long process in order to not be tokenistic
- Decolonizing research as a lens moving forward in independent work
- Confirmed desire to pursue work in public health (and largely concept of wellness)

Questions

- How have questions concerning housing changed throughout the years in this study?
- How can the language of these questions be more culturally appropriate in order to get a better picture of outcomes?

Conclusion

- Qualitative analysis allows a suitable medium for communicating Aboriginal knowledge and perspectives
- Process of involving communities in research has to be intentional
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