Growing them strong, together

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A remote community witness to the Inquiry was concerned that too many children in the Northern Territory were ‘growing themselves up’. The title chosen for the report reflects the central message that all of us together, parents, community members, government workers and NGO service providers, are responsible not only for ‘growing them up’ but for ‘growing them strong’. In Aboriginal society, the word ‘strong’ connotes a sense of wellbeing that includes physical, emotional and spiritual health, strength and safety.