

Aboriginal Maternity Group Practice

A new direction in maternity care for Aboriginal women & families in Western Australia



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Aboriginal Maternity Services Support Unit (AMSSU)

Statewide Centre providing:

1. Information, resources and support including:
 - Hand Held Health record “My Health in My Hands”
 - Women’s health & wellbeing before and after pregnancy
 - Growing a Strong Baby – maternity choices and pregnancy education
 - Maternity care – Cultural care (AMGP)
 - Feelings in pregnancy and after birth



2. Professional Development Programs

- Maternity Care
- Infant Care
- Perinatal mental health

3. Oral & Written Women's Health Project

- Traditional birthing stories
- Women's health and healing
- Cultural and spiritual care

4. Strategic support

- Development of business cases
- Memorandums of Understanding
- Reports and data analysis

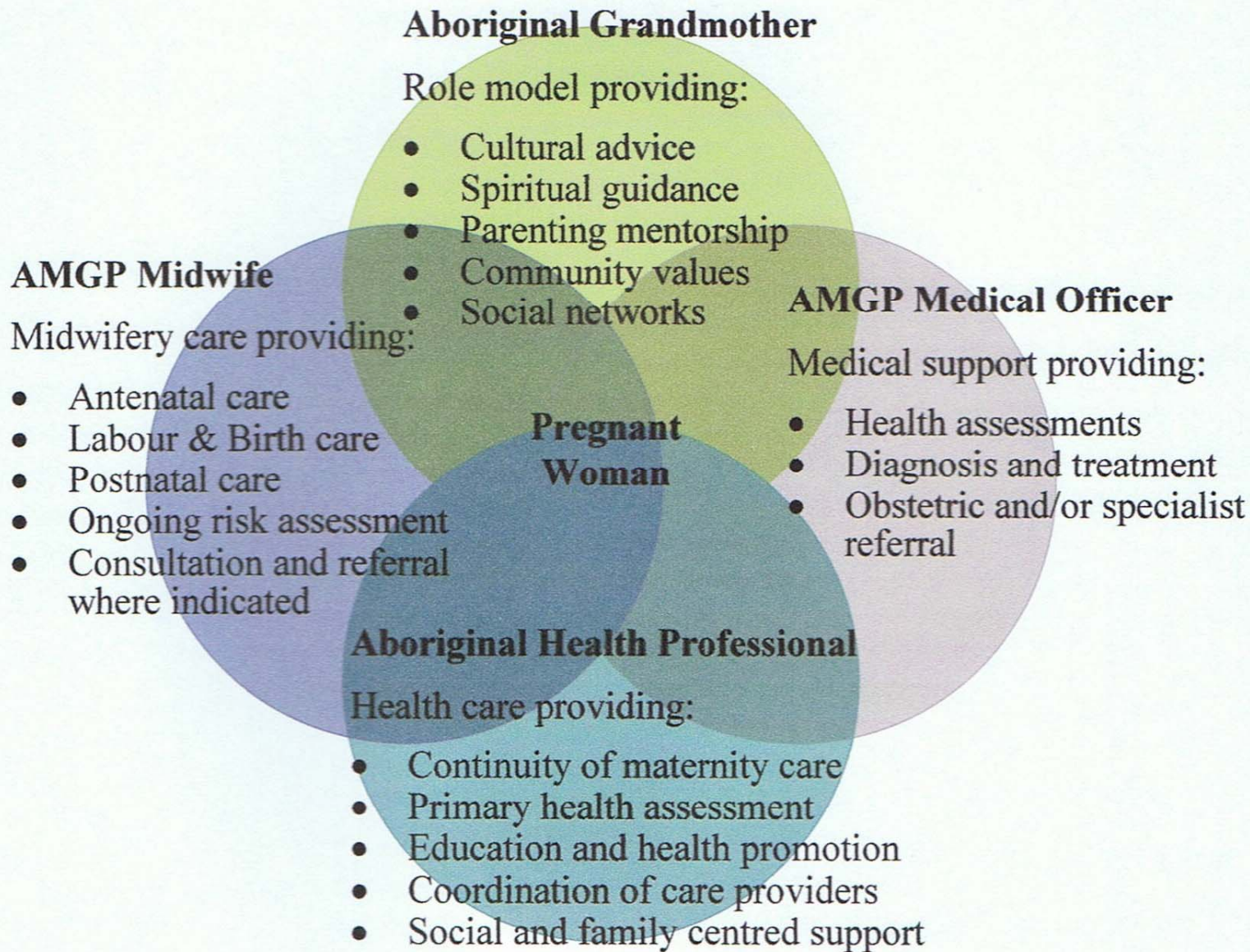


Aboriginal Maternity Group Practice (AMGP)

- Aboriginal women and Health Workers to provide community based care for pregnant women and their families
- Midwives and doctors to provide the maternity care alongside Aboriginal women and Health Workers
- The Group Practice offers maternity care before, during and after the birth



Aboriginal Maternity Group Practice Clinical Team



Community based Aboriginal services and yarning groups

Providing support and education on:

- Teenagers wellbeing & sexual health
- Pregnancy care, education and support
- Maternity care choices and referrals
- Smokers
- Parenting education
- Emotional health & wellbeing before and after the birth



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