

# Caring for mothers with intellectual disability

## About the Webinar

This webinar, facilitated by ACM President Joanne Gray, will look at the barriers that mothers with intellectual disability face within the Australian maternity system. Strategies to improve their care outcomes are discussed within a human rights context and goals for people with ID to live a contemporary life.

## About the Presenter

Dr Namira Williams is the founder and CEO of disAbility Maternity Care, an organisation which focuses on promoting inclusion for parents with a disability. Namira completed her PhD in 2020 with her thesis "Travelling with two: balancing identity and risk in mothers with intellectual disability". Her findings have strongly influenced the goals and direction of disAbility Maternity Care.

Namira has lectured with the University of Newcastle since 2015 and brings to her work over 30 years' experience as a midwife, working predominantly with vulnerable groups of women, including Indigenous and adolescent women. Her contribution to improving outcomes for families was recognised when she was awarded 'ACM Midwife of the Year 2013 (NSW)'

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