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Appendix: Example of programs that meet some of the criteria for a Birthing on Country model of care

Program and jurisdiction	No. locations % Indigenous babies	Community engagement in establishment	Ongoing Indigenous governance	Employs Indigenous workers (Indigenous SM)	Antenatal and postnatal continuity of midwifery care	Intrapartum continuity of care from known midwife	Evaluation Example of Key indicators
Aboriginal Family Birthing Program South Australia ^{1,2}	2 then expanded to 6 regional ? # urban	Yes	NK all sites	AMIC workers (? SM)	Yes	Yes	Ongoing ↑ +ve experiences
Darwin based modified MGP for remote women ^{3,4}	6 remote communities 100% Indigenous	Yes	No	Strong woman worker, elder, AHW (did employ 2 SM)	Yes in community	Yes in town	↑ ANC ↑ Screening ↓ Infant LOS
Alice Springs, MGP + modified MGP for some remote women ⁵	Urban and remote women 40% Indigenous	NK	No	AHWs in remote communities (0 SM)*	Yes in community or outreach	Modified MGP Yes in town	↑ Early ANC ↓ Preterm ↓ LBW
Brisbane Ngarrama Program	3 High - not 100% in all sites	Yes	No	1 AHW at 2 sites (1 SM)	Yes	Yes 2/3 sites	NHMRC ongoing
Brisbane Birthing in Our Community	1 100%	Yes	Yes	3 MIH workers 1 Manager (2 SMs)	Yes	Yes	NHMRC ongoing ↑ ANC ↓ Preterm
Malabar Community Midwifery Link Service ⁶	1 40%	Yes	Ongoing association with elders	1 mentored midwife 1 midwife 1 AHW 1 admin	Yes	Yes	ongoing Previous ↑ Early ANC
New South Wales Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy ⁷	30 100%	Yes	NK	AHW or AHEO at each site (? SM)	Yes	No	↑ Early ANC ↓ Preterm
Aboriginal Maternity Group Practice Program Western Australia ⁸	4-5 100%	Yes	Yes	AHO and Aboriginal grandmothers (0 SM)	Yes Antenatal some Postnatal	No	↓ Preterm ↓ Neonatal ↓ Infant LOS
Koori Maternity Service	11 ACCHOs & 3 hospitals 100%	Yes	NK Some Based in ACCHO	? # workers (? 0 SM)	Yes	No	Not publically available
Townsville Mums and Bubs ⁹	1 100%	Based in ACCHO	Based in ACCHO	? # workers (? 0 SM)	Yes	No	↑ ANC ↑ Screening ↓ Preterm

Student Midwives (SM), Aboriginal Health Worker (AHW); Aboriginal Maternal Infant Care (AMIC) Worker; Aboriginal Health Education Officer (AHEO), Aboriginal Health Officer (AHO); Length of stay (LOS); NK: Not Known; Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO); Antenatal Care (ANC); Low Birth Weight (LBW); National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC); * 2 Indigenous SMs graduated through ACCHO in Alice.

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