

# WLSSA: ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN

## Main areas of law:

Family law children  
Family law property

Child protection  
Family violence

Divorce  
Others

**105**

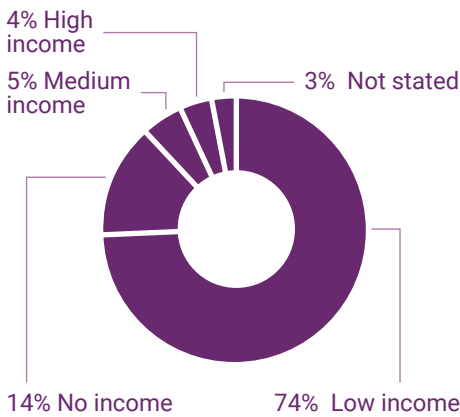
open cases

**239**

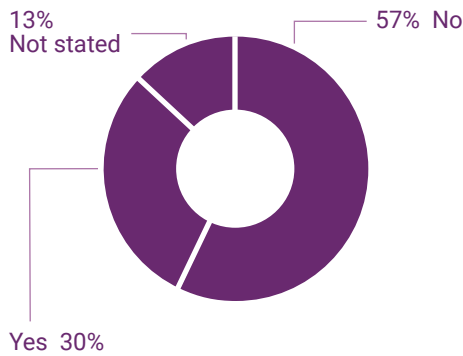
legal advices

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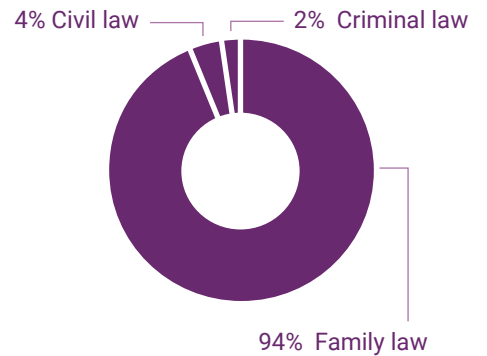
community legal  
education sessions  
provided



**Income scale**



**Disability status**



**CLE by law type**



**60%** of clients identified family violence in a current or past relationship



**25%** of Indigenous women at risk of homelessness



## Carissa's Story

I was referred to Women's Legal Service SA Inc. (WLSSA) by Relationships Australia. My ex-partner had run off with our young baby. He was not allowing me to spend any time or talk to our baby. I had no idea where he was hiding with the baby. I looked everywhere for them and I even called the police. I did not see my baby for more than 3 weeks. This was the longest I had been away from any of my children. I missed my baby's first birthday.

I was able to get an appointment with the organisation in 2 days. My support worker came with me to the appointment. The lawyer listened to me. She told me what my options were. She did this in a way that was easy to understand. The lawyer spent a good amount of time talking to me on that first appointment and she made sure that I was ok.

**WLSSA took my case straight away and they helped me to get my baby back.**

If it was not for WLSSA I would not have known what to do and I would not have got my baby back.

**229** advices and assistance provider to family law matters

Assisted with **70** intervention order applications

Assistance with **16** victims of crime compensation application

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Women's Lives for 20 Years**

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