

**Submission to Yoorrook Justice Commission****From: Anonymous 1415****Dated: 26 November 2024****Submission:**

Back on 2021 we noticed prominent developmental delays in the child we care for under kinship care. We let Child Protection know and a referral to Healthy Koori Kids was initiated to address these issues. One of these was a speech delay. Despite our efforts it took us 1210 days (yes that's right 1210 days) for our child to have help from a Speech Pathologist. The child in our care has been in urgent need of an Occupational Therapist and other Allied health professionals since 2021 however we are still waiting and it does not appear as though the needed support will be available to us or the child in our care in the near future. Developmental Delays are not followed through with treatment options and are having lifelong implications in the most vulnerable people in our state. It is a rotten thing to witness.

**END OF SUBMISSION**