

# *Child Protection: Learnings from working with First Nations families*

IUIH Legal Service



# Acknowledgment:

We honour the many Goori Tribal Nations whose territories we work across within South-East Queensland, and the Jagera and Turrbal people upon the land in which we present today.

We honour the legacy and the vision of those who paved the way and those who continue to guide us.

We honour our future generations by maintaining the vision with focused determination.

# IUIH VISION



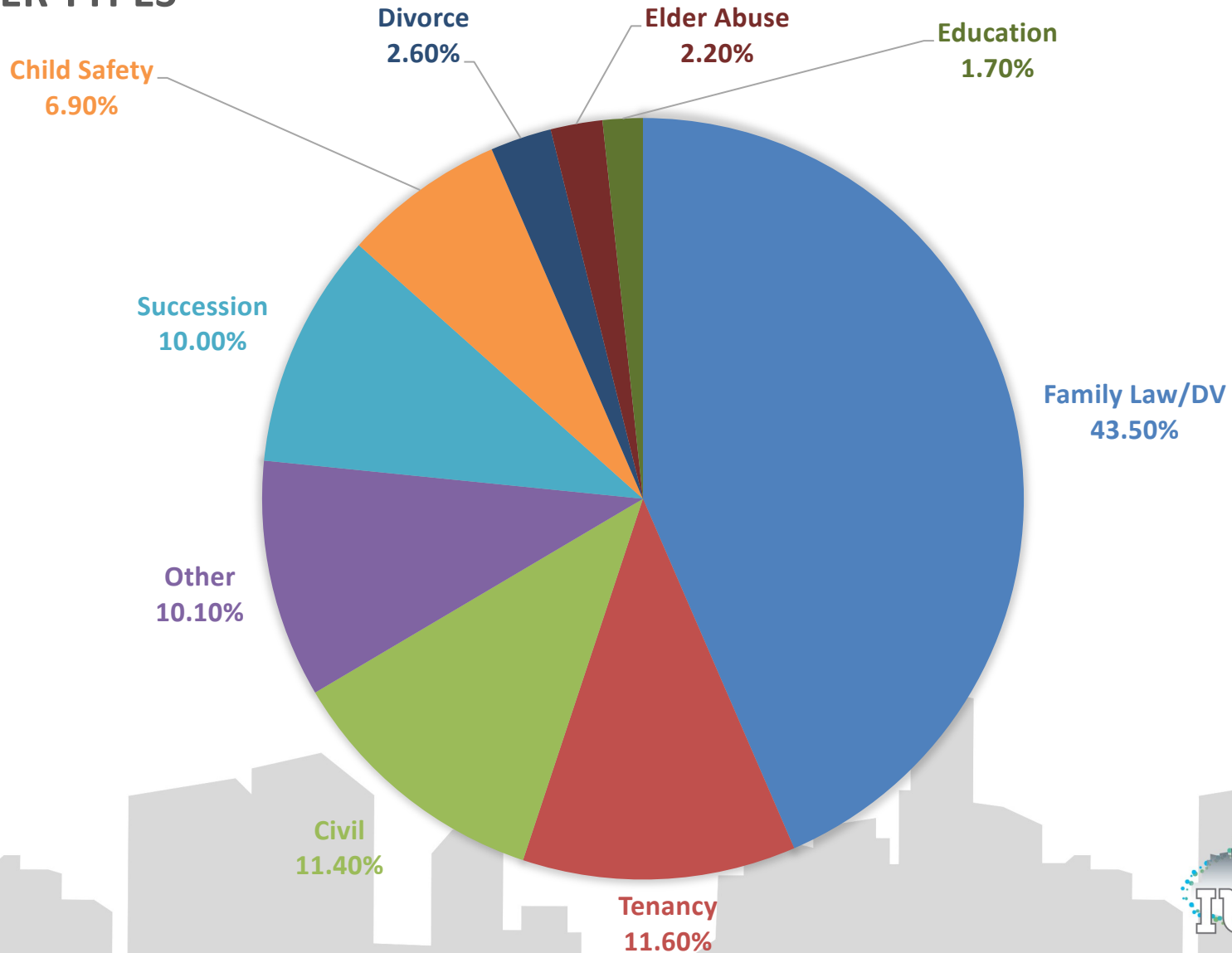
*Healthy, strong and vibrant Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander children, families and communities*

# Services offered

- Accredited pro bono legal service within IUIH's system of care.
- Assist clients with legal education, advice, advocacy in a variety of matters that include Family Law, DV, minor civil matters, education, tenancy, Child Safety, and Elder Abuse.
- Access to service is via referral from our doctors, allied health workers and social/support workers (e.g., Family Wellbeing Service).
- Client consults offered within our culturally-safe spaces.
  - We have adapted to changing needs as a result of COVID-19 restrictions and have provided telephone consults, particularly during lock downs or if a client has specific health concerns e.g., terminal clients

# Statistics from our practice

## MATTER TYPES

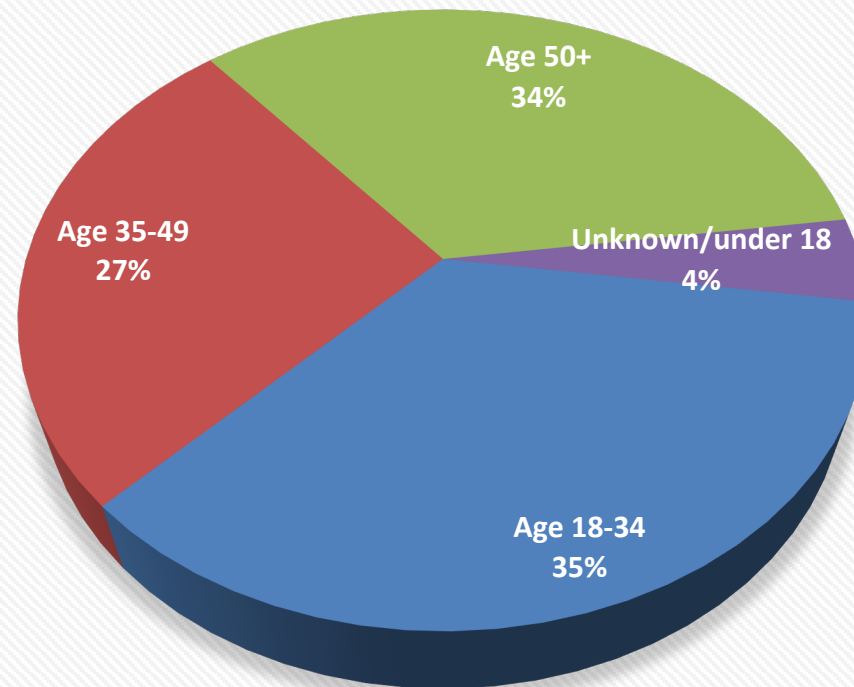


# Client demographics

- 552 clients referred
  - 49.8% of clients referred live in the Moreton Region (others were from Brisbane City Council, Ipswich City Council regions and occasionally from other regions)
  - 80.6% are female (of those who identified a gender)

# Client demographic

Category by age



■ Age 18-34 ■ Age 35-49 ■ Age 50+ ■ Unknown/under 18

# Learnings from our practice

- Systemic issues
- Risk factors that can trigger interventions
- Approaches to legal practice



Questions?

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