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COMMUNITY RESEARCHER

KIMBERLEY ALERT PROGRAM STUDY

IRENE'S RESEARCH

I'm working as a Community Researcher with the Kimberley Alert Program Study. I work in partnership with the other researchers to help them understand community protocols and provide cultural and language expertise on the project.

I used to work at the local daycare centre with Bree Wagner (Study Coordinator). I joined the project as a Community Researcher because I enjoy working with kids.

WHAT DRIVES HER

My role as a Community Researcher allows me to help kids with their education and to stay in school, so that they can have a good future with a good job. I also help parents who are struggling with their kids' behaviour, which is an important part of the job for me.

I like that the job is challenging and that I'm always learning new things and meeting new people. Last year we came down to Perth and met with the 100 Women ladies (who funded the community researcher capacity building project) and the other project researchers. They learnt about where we come from and we learnt about what they do as researchers.

HER MESSAGE

My message to Aboriginal women who are thinking about pursuing careers in research is to follow your dreams and look for a career. Do what you believe in and be a strong, independent woman.

My message to everyone is to be there for your kids - support their future and education.

HER INSPIRATION

I've looked up to my parents, they've helped me a lot. My grandmother helped me a lot too.

IRENE'S PEOPLE

I'm Walmajarri from my father's side. I'm from Kur-nangki Community in Fitzroy Crossing.

