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“It’s something that is diagramatic and helps the participant involve themselves in the process”
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The Stay Strong App is soon to be released on the App Store.

Menzies is part of a collaborative project led by QUT looking at e-Mental Health in Practice (eMHPrac). It incorporates implementation and evaluation the of the AIMhi Stay Strong App, including the development and delivery of a training and support package for health providers in primary care working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Below are some ways we are gathering information.

- Interviews with key organizations to gain an understanding of perceived enablers and barriers to uptake of e-mental health strategies, such as the Stay Strong App, in practice.
- Surveying health providers to gain awareness of what people know of e-mental health tools, strategies and how accessible they are for different groups.
- An evaluation of the training (pre & post) to understand the knowledge, competence and confidence gained in use of e-resources before and after the training is delivered.
- Practitioner self assessments to measure adherence to core training principles.
- Follow-up assessments to inform the research as to knowledge, competence and confidence gained in using e-resources after training and implementation.
- Follow-up interviews with key organizations to understand actual enablers and barriers following uptake of e-mental health strategies, such as the Stay Strong App, in practice.