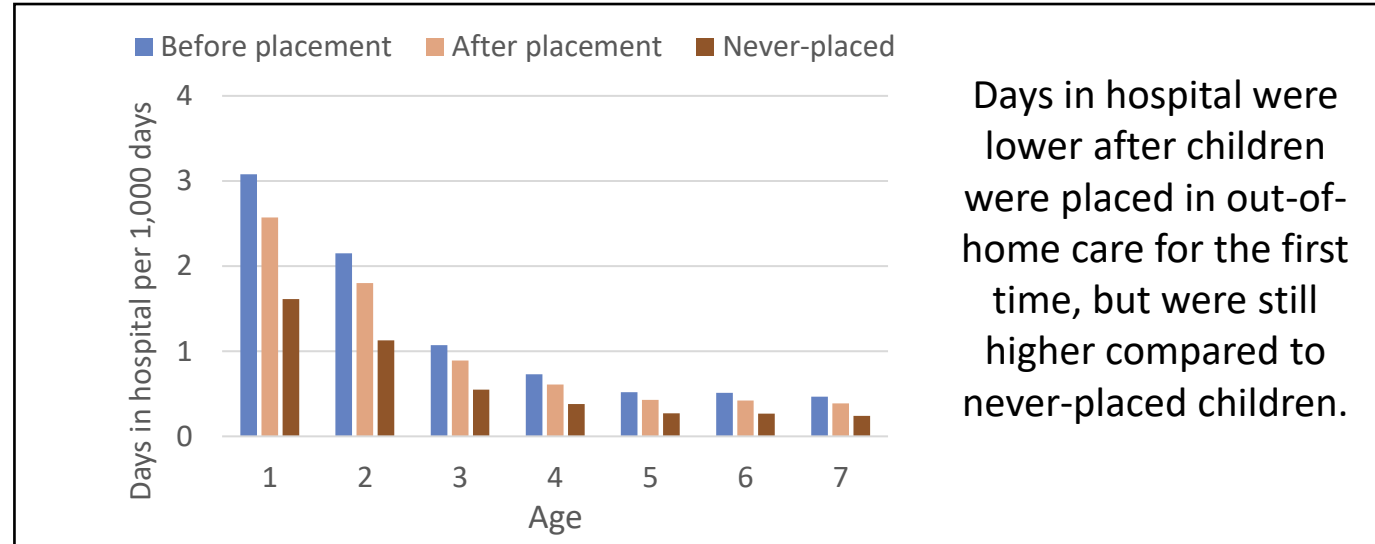
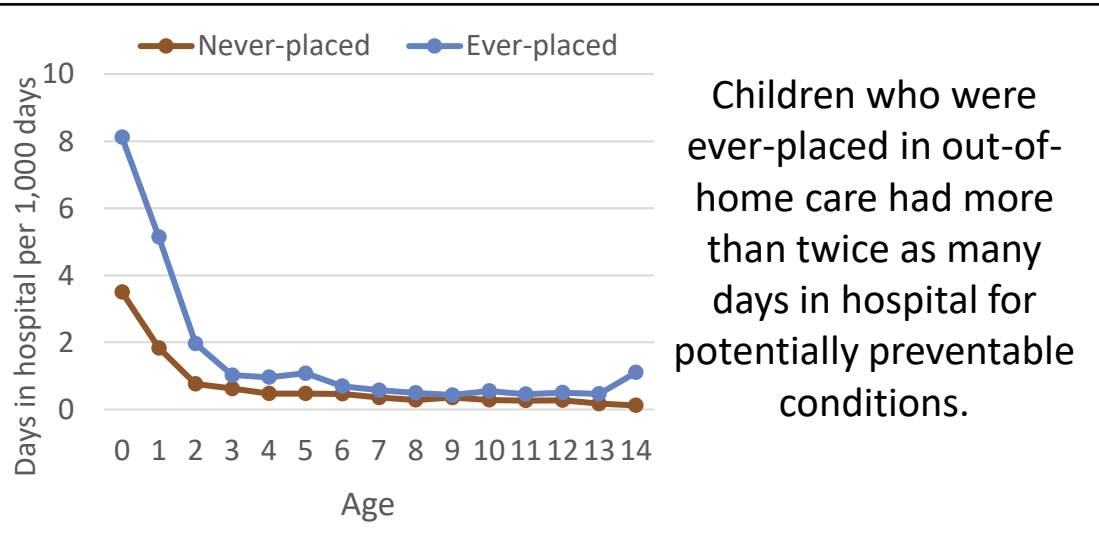


Rates of potentially preventable hospitalisations for Western Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in out-of-home care



Potentially preventable hospitalisations are hospitalisations for illnesses that might not have happened if:

- There was good, safe, and timely access to doctors in primary care setting, like general practitioners at an Aboriginal Medical Service.
- Children lived in healthy environments, like houses with enough room for the family and access to healthy food.
- Children were supported to have healthy habits, like brushing their teeth every day or washing their hands regularly.

To help reduce rates of potentially preventable hospitalisations, we suggest:

1. Increase resourcing for Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to meet the needs of their communities.
2. Grow the primary healthcare workforce to meet the demand on the healthcare system and lower wait times.
3. Support to families at risk of child removals to access healthcare they need for their children.
4. Improve the quality of housing that families at risk of child removals are living in, whether through building new homes or improving maintenance of existing ones.

