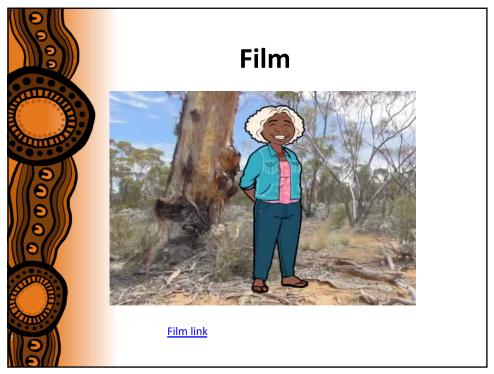


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### **Underpinning Theory**

### 1. First Language Acquisition

- a. A baby's brain grows more than 1 million new neural connections each second, for the first 3 years of life.
- b. First language acquisition relies on the neuroplasticity of the infant's brain to absorb and retain language.
- c. The acquisition of syntax in a first language has a critical period that ends towards the first year of life.
- d. Age 4 is the upper limit for acquisition of a second language with native-like capabilities.
- e. The critical period for syntactic acquisition is birth to age one year, with birth to four months of age proving to be particularly critical for syntax acquisition.
- f. A child is hard wired for a first language by age 4 years and any subsequent language will be acquired as a second language

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### 2. Phonemic Acquisition

**0-6 months** – vowel sounds oo, ee, ah

**6-12 months** – m, d, b

**1-2 years** – p, b, m, n, t, d

**2-4 years** – k, g, f, s, y, h

**4-5 years** – sh, ch, j, z, l, v

**5-6 years** – th, w, r, q, x



# 3. Intergenerational Language Transfer

- Resource family intergenerational language transfer processes through the provision of materials
- 2. Resource the family to maintain language sovereignty.
- 3. Resource the family to maintain agency over their heritage language.
- 4. Resource the family to engage in literacy engagement strategies.
- Resource the family to engage in literacy development strategies.
- 6. Resource parents as their child's first teachers.
- 7. Resource the family to engage in positive and enjoyable language and literacy activities.

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## **Engaging the Whole Family**

- 1. Resource in the pack can be used individually.
- Materials included in the pack that engage the parent wordfind and crossword puzzle book,
- Resources included in the pack that engage older children colouring in book, picture and word match book.
- Materials for the home alphabet poster, 100 Word of Ngadju poster.
- Resources included in the pack that engage the community t-shirts for children, roper suit for babies with Ngadju slogans on them, banner for the community.



#### **Process**

- Engage families through the native title prescribed body corporate.
- 2. Sign up families to receive the resources for 2 years.
- 3. Deliver a new pack of resources to the family every 3 months.
- 4. Meet with the family every six months for feedback and assessment on the family pack materials and processes.
- 5. Create a YouTube channel for the films.
- 6. Place all material on the Language Centre's website for continued access.
- 7. Development of a 2-5 year old family pack.
- 8. Maintain the program for 20 years i.e. one generation

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