



Information Sheet

What do Early Years Networks do?

Early Years Networks across Western Australia support better outcomes for children and their families in local communities. They achieve this by connecting the community, working collaboratively and developing and implementing initiatives, services and activities aimed at improving outcomes for young children and families.

They provide a forum for collaboration, coordination and responsive activities built on knowledge of local priorities and supported by evidence from sources including the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). Each Early Years Network operates locally with its own priorities, practices and activities based on the needs of the community.

There are more than 40 Early Years Networks in Western Australia.

Early Years Networks include members from government, community service providers and members of the local community.

Early Years Networks operate collaboratively to improve communities for children and their families by:

- identifying and responding to community needs
- sharing knowledge and experiences
- discussing emerging issues
- advocating solutions
- exploring child development data, including the AEDC results
- developing a range of community initiatives
- strengthening community knowledge and understanding of the importance of the early years
- promoting early years' initiatives to the community, such as Children's Week and parenting workshops
- educating members using guest speakers and presenters
- offering professional support and advice across Early Years Networks.

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