



# Information Sheet

## Working together for a common purpose

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Early Years Networks (Networks) operate locally, and each Network has its own priorities, practices and activities based on the needs of the community.

Early Years Networks can provide opportunities to:

- Gain insights and perspectives at the local community level by including frontline services that work alongside families and children, helping to build understanding about what may be influencing local early childhood development.
- Explore evidence-based data (e.g., AEDC data, Child Atlas) to understand community strengths and areas for improvement in supporting children's development.
- Identify community needs and advocate for short- and long-term initiatives to improve outcomes for local children and their families.
- Enhance the knowledge and skills of practitioners by sharing information and including guest speakers.
- Build strategic partnerships and promote a planned and coordinated approach to service delivery.
- Ensure services are accessible by sharing referral pathways and availability.
- Streamline referral pathways between organisations.
- Support building capacity and capability within communities.
- Strengthen community understanding of the importance of early childhood development.
- Promote early years activities and deliver family events to the community.

The Connecting Early Years Networks [‘Working Together for a Common Purpose’](#) infographic demonstrates the purpose of an Early Years Network, why they are needed, and the benefits of active membership. Networks are encouraged to use the infographic as a tool when recruiting new members, seeking community support and applying for funding.

## More information

To find out more about Early Years Networks, please visit our website or contact:

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