

Access to Early Learning (AEL) Program Information for Families



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Please note: An interpreter service can be booked as required.

Free support to assist families and children experiencing vulnerability to have a strong start in education.



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What is the Access to Early Learning (AEL) Program?

AEL is a free support program that assists families and children to have a strong start in education during their Early Start Kindergarten (ESK) year.

The program also supports families to build confidence in how they can help their children to learn at home.

An experienced AEL Facilitator will work with families and their child for a 12-month period to support ESK participation.

Who can make a referral?

Referral to AEL program is by below professionals only:

- Child Protection practitioners
- ChildFIRST & Family Services professionals
- Enhanced MCH Nurses
- relevant service when the family is engaged with one or more of the above



Support for Children

- Support child to gain access to ESK kindergarten program and attend.
- Support child according to their individual needs.
- Communicate with kindergarten to identify and address any barriers child experiences.
- Referral and linkage with appropriate services.
- Support the development of home routine and structure.
- Encourage child to learn through play and fun.

Support for Families

- Support family to complete ESK enrolment and continue kindergarten engagement.
- Regular home visits to support families to meet their parenting goals.
- Assist families to establish and maintain communication with Kindergarten.
- Support families to manage parenting challenges.
- Support families to increase their confidence as their child's first teacher.
- Support families to improve understanding of their child's development and learning.
- Help family to create a home learning environment.
- Linking families to local supports and services based on their needs.

