

# Access to Early Learning

Access to Early Learning (AEL) is an early intervention program for three year old children from families with complex needs. It aims to make sure that three year old children that meet AEL eligibility criteria get the full benefits of attending a quality kindergarten program.

## For more information

Contact the AEL Facilitator:

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Please note that an interpreter service can be booked if required.

Melton City Council acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.



## Support areas

AEL facilitators will support families to:

- access fifteen hours per week of free or low cost, three year old kindergarten programs
- ensure children attend kindergarten regularly
- provide activities within the home that will build upon their child's learning

They also provide mentoring and professional learning for educators who support eligible children in the local service system.

## Eligibility criteria

Children are eligible if they are referred by:

- an Enhanced Maternal and Child Health service
- Family Services
- the Orange Door or Child Protection

Children must be aged three by 30 April to participate in a program for that calendar year.

Services will refer children with two or more complex needs including:

- contact with Child Protection
- child and/or parent with an intellectual or physical disability
- family violence
- mental health concerns
- sexual assault
- alcohol and/or drug abuse



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