



Australian Government

Early Years Strategy 2024–2034



Strategy Snapshot

vision

That all children in Australia thrive in their early years. They have the opportunity to reach their full potential when nurtured by empowered and connected families who are supported by strong communities.

principles



1. Child- and family-centred



2. Strengths-based



3. Respect for families and communities



4. Equitable, inclusive and respectful of diversity



5. Evidence-informed



outcomes

- 1. Children are nurtured and safe*
- 2. Children are socially, emotionally, physically and mentally healthy*
- 3. Children are learning*
- 4. Children have strong identities and connections to culture*
- 5. Children have opportunities to play and imagine*
- 6. Basic needs are met*
- 7. Families are empowered, connected and supported*
- 8. Communities are strong and inclusive places for children and their parents or caregivers to live, grow, play and connect*

priority focus areas

Value the early years

- ▶ Raise awareness about why early childhood matters
- ▶ Embed the voices of children and their families

Empower parents, caregivers and families

- ▶ Empower parents, caregivers and families with skills, resources and capabilities
- ▶ Support parents to connect with other parents and their local community
- ▶ Make supports and services responsive and inclusive to children and their parents
- ▶ Move towards universal access to early childhood education and care

Support and work with communities

- ▶ Support local solutions to local problems
- ▶ Foster shared decision making

Strengthen accountability and coordination

- ▶ Better integration, collaboration and coordination of policy, programs and services
- ▶ Stronger data, research and evaluation

