Are you a health or community service wanting to know how to work with schools and early childhood education and care (ECEC) services?

Through KidsMatter your service will have access to schools and ECEC services that are primed to engage with professionals and improve the quality of their referrals.

How agencies and services can assist schools and ECEC services

- Take up offers to promote your service.
- Accept invitations to education events.
- Provide advice to assist schools and ECEC services to improve their referral pathways.
- Provide information about your service’s role each year.

How schools, teachers and ECEC services and their staff can help you

- They understand the importance of early intervention.
- They learn to identify students who may require early intervention.
- They establish processes for facilitating identification and early intervention for children at risk of or experiencing mental health difficulties. They recognise common signs and understand and participate in appropriate school-based interventions for students with common mental health problems.

They can help address attitudinal barriers to effectively supporting children with mental health difficulties in the school community.

What will this partnership achieve for your health or community service?

- It will support your work in children’s mental health.
- It will give your organisation the ability to share information about the organisation’s aims, goals and services with KidsMatter schools and ECEC services.
- It will support schools and ECEC services to make more appropriate referrals and better engage with health and community services.

The benefits of partnership can be seen in the stronger understanding and connection that it can foster within community and in increased accessibility to local services for children and students.