

Parents and carers working together with early childhood services

The following resources have been compiled for families and other interested individuals who may be seeking further information about working together with early childhood services and getting support with parenting. Information on specific topics relating to this will be made available during the pilot in other KidsMatter Early Childhood resource packs.



This resource and further information on the national KidsMatter Early Childhood initiative is available to download at www.kidsmatter.edu.au. The team at KidsMatter Early Childhood also welcomes your feedback which can be submitted through the website.

General information

Raising Children Network, funded under the Australian Government's Stronger Families and Communities Strategy, is a national website aimed at helping families care for their children. Articles on a range of issues relevant to parenting are available at <http://raisingchildren.net.au>

Kidscount, developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation, is a website for parents and carers that provides useful information about parenting. Available in a range of languages at www.kidscount.com.au

Parentline is a confidential telephone information, counselling, and referral service for parents and carers who have children up to 18 years of age. There is a different phone number for each state and territory. Check the KidsMatter Early Childhood website for more information on telephone hotlines: <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/ec/getting-help>

Parenting Research Centre, a non-profit research and development organisation aimed at helping parents raise happy healthy children. A range of parenting programs and resources are available at <http://parentingrc.org.au>

Early Childhood Australia, is the peak national, non-profit, non-government organisation that acts in the interests of young children. They provide a range of options and outcomes to support growth and development of young children. Articles on a range of issues relevant to parenting are available at <http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au>

Centre for Community Child Health, supports and empowers communities to improve children's health and wellbeing. It operates clinical services, research and programs. A range of resources and publications are available at <http://www.rch.org.au/ccch> – See the 'Resources and Publications' tab. Choose the 'Childcare and Children's Health' option. See the March 2009 Parent Fact Sheet - *Parent-Carer Partnerships: Benefits for Everyone* and the February 2006 Parent Fact Sheet - *Talking with Childcare Professionals about your child*. You can also Google the title of these articles.

Australian Institute of Family Studies, an Australian Government statutory agency, its role is to conduct research and communicate findings that affect family wellbeing to: policy makers; service providers; and the broader community. Go to www.aifs.gov.au, click on 'Publications' then 'Family Matters' tab. See the 2001 article called "Matching parenting to child temperament". You can also Google this article.



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