

Where can I go for further information?

The **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 www.rch.org.au/ccch. For fact sheets with information regarding building partnerships, click on the following link www.rch.org.au/ccch/resources.cfm?doc_id=10863.

Keyser, J. (2006). *From parents to partners: Building a family-centred early childhood program*. Washington: The National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The author writes about the rationale and importance of partnerships between families and early childhood staff and offers ideas on how this can happen. She stresses the need for effective communication to enhance family-staff collaboration, providing tips to facilitate communication and suggestions to overcome the challenges to communication.

Early Childhood Australia (ECA) 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. ECA has gathered a range of articles on issues relevant to partnerships on www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/. Direct links are provided below:

- ▶ www.ericdigests.org/pre-924/parents.htm
- ▶ www.dpi.wi.gov/fscp/bbckepg.html

The **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 children's development are available at www.raisingchildren.net.au

Articles on a range of issues relevant to building partnerships are available on this website. Direct links are provided below or click on the 'grown-ups' tab to access the articles.

- ▶ www.raisingchildren.net.au/articles/getting_along_with_carers.html/context/1010
- ▶ www.raisingchildren.net.au/articles/how_to_help_parents.html
- ▶ www.raisingchildren.net.au/articles/involving_parents_in_school_and_childcare.html

The **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** is a USA based organisation. Its 80,000 members are teachers, administrators, parents, educators and policy makers. *Young Children* is a peer-reviewed professional journal published bimonthly by the NAEYC with useful and practical articles to assist families and staff care and educate young children. Articles on a range of issues relevant to partnerships are available at www.naeyc.org/back-to-school/teachers

Resources about building family and staff relationships are available at:

- ▶ www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/BacktoSchool/ParentTeacherConf.pdf
- ▶ tyc.naeyc.org/articles/pdf/Gadzikowski.pdf



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



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