



Project Profile

Project name	Bushfire Recovery Project
Location/s	Various, across Victoria and New South Wales
Client group	Children and families
Internal stakeholders	Regional Managers, Team Leaders, Director Southern States, State Accountant, Practice and Impact Measurement Team
External stakeholders	Universities and academic institutions, project delivery partners, community service agencies, local government, schools, early childhood providers.
Project description	<p>The Bushfire Recovery Project is a community-led bushfire recovery response for children and families. The project includes four highly mobile services to address social recovery and resilience needs of vulnerable children, young people and families experiencing ongoing trauma from the 2019/20 bushfires in the LGAs of East Gippsland, Eurobodalla, Mid-Coast NSW, Shoalhaven and Snowy Mountains.</p> <p>The services include:</p> <p>Every Day Positive Practice Every Day Positive Practice supports Early Learning providers to ensure their services are able to uphold the rights of children through the implementation of child-centered, trauma informed practice. It aims to do this through providing consultation, training and follow up support to implement and embed an evidence-based practice framework based on the Neurosequential Model, for working with at risk infants, children, young people, and their caregivers who have experienced trauma.</p> <p>Journey of Hope Journey of Hope is an evidence-based program that helps children cope with traumatic events, such as bushfires, COVID-19 or other natural disasters, to develop their natural resilience and support their own recovery. Working in partnership with schools and early childhood providers, the program is delivered in facilitation pairs to groups of 8-10 children and aims to help children understand, process and express their feelings and emotions, mitigating long term impacts to their mental health.</p> <p>Mobile Youth Outreach The Mobile Youth Outreach program is an assertive outreach and early intervention service for at-risk young people aged 8-18. It includes youth-led arts and recreational activities, while providing mentoring in practical skills,</p>



	<p>and education on child rights and responsibilities. It also provides individualised case support for young people and their families, as well as advice, information and referrals to specialist services.</p> <p>Play2Learn Play2Learn is a supported playgroup program that enables children to attain their right to quality early childhood education, develop school readiness and achieve optimal wellbeing. The model also includes playgroup-based family support and warm referrals to specialist services to address issues impacting on child wellbeing and family functioning.</p>
Additional information	<p>This project is jointly funded by the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet until March 2024.</p>