

Program Profile

Program or project name	Connected Beginnings
Location/s	Victoria
Client group	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with preschool aged children
Internal stakeholders	Regional Manager, Team Leaders, Family Support Specialists, senior program staff, Operations and Business Services team
External stakeholders	Maternal and child health services, preschools, councils, government agencies, and other local service providers
Program or project description	<p>Connected Beginnings aims to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children based on evidence of what works in community building and collaboration from Australia and overseas.</p> <p>The program uses a collective impact approach, which brings people together in a structured way to achieve community-led social change.</p> <p>The program works closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities to identify early childhood priorities for change.</p> <p>A focus is ensuring that services work together to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families with timely access to appropriate information, support, and referrals.</p> <p>This then supports early learning, and addresses children’s health, attendance, and cultural safety. The program aims to help children to become school ready.</p>