



Program Profile

Program or project name	Latrobe Valley Programs
Location/s	Moe, Morwell, Traralgon
Client group	Children, young people and families
Internal stakeholders	Team Leader, Senior Practitioners, Family Support Specialists, Child Development Specialists
External stakeholders	Program delivery partners, Council, Schools, other community service agencies
Program or project description	<p>54 reasons runs a portfolio of early childhood, family and youth programs across the Latrobe Valley region. Programs target families and children facing adversity or vulnerability due to socio-economic disadvantage and/or experiencing varied stresses or issues that affect family functioning.</p> <p>Our programs include:</p> <p>Play2 Learn This program delivers Play2Learn supported playgroups for children aged 0 to 5, giving children a space to learn, grow and develop through safe and supported play-based education. Our staff offer parents advice and links to community services in a caring, safe environment.</p> <p>Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) The Child Information Sharing Scheme provides authorised organisations with an expanded ability to share confidential information with other authorised services to promote the wellbeing or safety of children or to assess or manage family violence risk. At 54 reasons, this project works in partnership with the Department of Education to embed the CISS across the service system by building the capacity of key stakeholders and professionals across Victorian services and Departments working with children and families. Throughout the year 14 workshops and information sessions will be delivered across Gippsland, Melbourne and Northern Victoria.</p> <p>Smalltalk Supported Playgroups Via supported playgroups and in In-Home Support, Smalltalk introduces parents of children aged 0 to 4 to a small number of parenting essentials that, based on evidence, lead to optimal child outcomes. Smalltalk helps parents to</p>



	<p>become aware of the importance of the everyday interactions they have with their child.</p> <p>Family Support</p> <p>This program is funded under the same banner as Play2Learn. Our staff provide individual case management support to families of children aged 0 to 8, after receiving referrals from schools, other community service providers, and our Play2Learn practitioners.</p>
Additional information	