



Program Profile

Program name	Family Connector – Early Years Partnership (EYP)
Location/s	Armadale, WA
Client group	Parents and caregivers of children 0 to 4 years of age
Internal stakeholders	Team Leader, Family Support Specialist, Community Engagement Worker
External stakeholders	Children, Families and Community Sector of Armadale, Department of Health, Department of Communities, Minderoo, Telethon Kids and CEI as evaluators of EYP
Program or project description	<p>Armadale West is one of four communities working within the Early Years Partnership (EYP). EYP is a partnership between the State Government (Departments of Communities and Education and WA Health), Minderoo Foundation, and Telethon Kids Institute (research and evidence partner) aimed at improving the well-being and school readiness of children pre-conception to four years of age.</p> <p>The EYP is a collective of community representatives from a variety of organisations that ensures local knowledge, community engagement and ownership of solutions and opportunities for the area. The group includes representatives from the above groups, as well as 54 reasons, the City of Armadale, and other identified local stakeholders. The Family Connector program was initiated by this collective and supports the implementation of the Armadale West Early Years Community Plan, with the aim of improving access to early years services for local communities and families and identifying what will work best for them to ensure their children thrive.</p> <p>The FC program is designed to bridge the divide between families and services. It plays a pivotal role in developing an ecosystem strengthening access, trust, and engagement with services for children aged 0 to 4 years. The FC team provides the reach required to collaborate with all stakeholders, including CALD families with children aged 0 to 4 years.</p> <p>The FC program is an outreach-based model that meets families where they are, operating primarily from three schools and the Armadale Community and Family Centre. It is designed to increase engagement with health and social services, particularly among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) families and Indigenous families who may face barriers such as language, trust, or system navigation challenges.</p> <p>Unlike traditional service delivery models that rely on a central hub, the FC program is proactive, bringing support directly to families in environments where they feel safe and comfortable. This relationship-based approach strengthens service uptake and ensures that families are connected to the right support at the right time.</p>
Additional information	https://earlyyearspartnership.org.au/