

Early Childhood Education initiatives in Liverpool, Fairfield & Bankstown Local Government Areas

The Facilitation Project

AEDC outcomes for Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown show significant level of vulnerabilities in some domains. The Department of Communities and Justice funds the Facilitation Project which has led initiatives in Bankstown, Fairfield and Liverpool. These initiatives aim to support children's development in four main domains – physical health and wellbeing, communication and general knowledge, social competence and language and cognitive domains.

Early Childhood Initiatives implemented

Liverpool

Initiative	Aims
GoGo the Gecko's Busy Day in Liverpool storybook	Encourage families to read to their children.
GoGo and the Lost Book (hard copies and Audio recording of book and chants – completed in English and six other community languages)	Encourage families to read to their children.
Playgroup (Playtime with GoGo at Sadleir and Playtime with GoGo at Warwick Farm)	Create awareness on the value of talking, singing, reading and playing. Provide information on child development to parents. Support disconnected families with information on local services.
Speech pathologist led workshops for children services	Provide live demonstration of play activities. Support development of children's language, literacy and general knowledge skills.
Twelve books for 12 months club	Provide books and resources to children's services to enhance access to books and encourage reading. Build the capacity of children services to enhance their ability to support children's language, literacy, communication and general knowledge skills development.
Happy Healthy Safe Children poster	Provide information on the need for children to play, eat healthy foods and exercise were given to schools, children's services and playgroups
Paint Liverpool REaD (put together book boxes provided to services, medical centres and for a while at Service NSW)	Provide books in waiting areas for parents/carers to read with their child while they wait for an appointment (this is also been implemented in Bankstown through Paint Bankstown REaD).



Fairfield

Initiative	Aims
Share everyday moments with me – posters and short songs (provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, Khmer and Vietnamese)	Highlight activities for families to do with their child to support their language, social and general knowledge skills. Provides examples of simple activities that can support children's development such as talking with children while they're in the car or in the bath, setting the table for dinner and in the garden.
Paint Fairfield REaD (boxes of books are provided in vulnerable suburbs during community events such as NAIDOC Week, Families Week and Children's Week)	Provide parents with information to support - their child's early literacy skills to prepare them to learn to read and write at school (such as bookmarks in various languages such as English, Arabic and Braille) - access to other initiatives by non-governmental organisations such as Smith Family's
Fairfield and Liverpool Playgroup Network	Provide professional training to playgroup workers on various topics that they have identified to build their capacity to support children's development

Bankstown

Initiative	Aims
Radio playgroup: The way is Life on 2BACR (broadcast in English, Vietnamese, Chinese and Samoan once a month and sometimes live broadcast that allowed listeners to call in with questions)	Discusses mental health, disability, early development, starting school, budgeting, domestic and family violence, family law, children's health and women's health to support families and enhance optimal family functioning.
Communication and General Knowledge resource (resources provided in English and Arabic, Khmer, Bengali, Dari, Dinka, Hindi, Karen, Lao, Samoan, Serbian, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Vietnamese)	Support parents to understand their role as the child's first teacher. Provide parents with information to support their child in developing their communication skills.
Play and learn resource	Support families whose children do not attend preschool/childcare. Provide information to families on the value of play with practical suggestions for activities parents can do with their children at home. Provide information on children's activities such as play and learn, playdough play, craft in the home, pretend play, outings with your child, cardboard box fun in the home, learning through everyday activities, and music, songs and movement

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