



Connecting Early Years Networks

Working Together for a **Common Purpose**

Early Years Networks (Networks) across Western Australia play a fundamental role in supporting better outcomes for children and their families in local communities. The Department of Communities provides a support role to more than 40 Networks across the state through the Connecting Early Years Networks team.

Networks:

- ✦ are place based
- ✦ identify opportunities and deliver activities to support better outcomes for children and families
- ✦ support building capacity and capability of communities
- ✦ promote a planned approach to deliver services
- ✦ respond to identified community need
- ✦ strengthen community by better connecting people
- ✦ streamline referral pathways
- ✦ share information and resources
- ✦ inform local decision making.

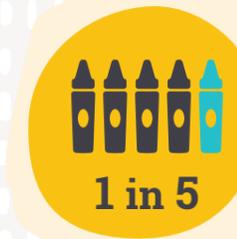
By participating on your local Network you will:

- ✦ build strategic partnerships
- ✦ get to know your local community and engage with local service providers
- ✦ strengthen the way you work
- ✦ collaborate to improve outcomes for children and families
- ✦ enhance your knowledge and skills
- ✦ experience peer to peer support
- ✦ contribute to local decision making.



Positive early experiences

provide the foundation for a future of good health, solid relationships and overall wellbeing in adulthood.



Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

1 in 5

results indicate one in five children at five years of age have a developmental vulnerability in WA.



Improving child health and wellbeing

is a whole of community responsibility.



Parents and Carers need safe harbours

when navigating the waters of parenting, because children thrive when parents have the support they need.



Network membership

consists of government and non-government community service providers and community members invested in the early years.



Early Years Networks are integral

for local children and their families in service providers coming together to identify local community needs and working collectively to address them.

To find out more and connect with your local Network

- ▶ email EY@communities.wa.gov.au
- ▶ or visit www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/connecting-early-years-networks