

Communities for Children

Program Overview 2021-2022
Fairfield



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Fairfield is an aspirational community that is welcoming, where children grow healthy and safe and go on to become active members of our community.

Priority areas

- Fairfield children and families utilise opportunities to connect to a social, active and inclusive community.
- Fairfield children and families are well-prepared to handle life transitions.
- Fairfield children and families feel empowered to engage with life-long aspirations through education, life skills and employment.
- Fairfield families have well-connected access and reach across the community.

Communities for Children works with local organisations to empower and support a strong, child friendly community.

The Smith Family has been the Facilitating Partner of Fairfield *Communities for Children* since 2005. A Community Strategic Plan (CSP) has been developed to support the progress and implementation of the initiative for the period 2020-2021 in the suburbs Carramar, Fairfield, Fairfield East, Fairfield Heights, Fairfield West, Old Guildford, Yennora, Villawood, Smithfield and Wetherill Park.

The primary role of the Facilitating Partner is to work together with local organisations to empower and support a strong, child-friendly community, and to deliver programs that build capacity and address areas of vulnerability and disadvantage for children and their families.

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Community Partners are funded to deliver services within the Fairfield area for children aged from birth to 12 years and their families.

BIG STEPS

Targeting families and children, this project aims to promote early childhood learning by building capacity for school readiness, creating opportunities to develop community engagement and social skills through sporting activities, and supporting emerging communities and migrant families to enhance their parenting skills through a co-designed program that incorporates evidence based practices.

Community Partner: Community First Step

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area and selected local primary schools

Eligibility: Children aged 0-12 years and their parents/carers living in Fairfield East, Yennora, Old Guildford, Villawood and Carramar.

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ENRICHING KIDS

Provides children and families access to social and community development activities, teaching children resilience, self-esteem and emotional skills. Activities aim to support emotional and behavioural skills for managing feelings and coping with life challenges.

Community Partner: The Parks Community Network Inc.

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area and selected local primary schools

Eligibility: Children aged 4-12 years and their families

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GETTING READY FOR LIFE

A universal program for parents/caregivers with children 0-5 years old to set goals and achievement plans that strengthen their emotional attachment and build the parents' capacity to support their children's preparedness for life and learning at school. The program is provided at community venues or the home, and families that would benefit are supported to register their children and attend early learning centres.

Community Partner: Uniting

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Parents and carers with children aged 0 - 5 years

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GROWING PLAYING LEARNING TOGETHER

An integrated family support and community development project that uses community consultation to inform collaborative and culturally sensitive early childhood service design/ development for children who have not yet started formal primary schooling.

Community Partner: STARTTS

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Children aged 0 - 6 years from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds who have not yet started school.

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NEW STEPS

Targeting families, community capacity building and social inclusion, this project supports emerging communities and migrant families to better engage with their children's development and preparedness during childhood and beyond. It aims to build resilience in children and parents to overcome disadvantage and better cope with life transitions.

Community Partner: Community First Step

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Parents and carers with children aged 0 - 12 years

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THE WELLBEING HUB

This program supports children's school transition and engagement in a group setting, with the aim of driving the creation of meaningful social connections with peers and community members and enhancing a sense of resilience and self-confidence.

Community Partner: STARTTS

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area and selected local primary schools

Eligibility: Children aged 5 - 12 years and their families from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds attending participating schools.

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