

Communities for Children FP

Fairfield, NSW

Program Overview

2022-2024



Our community is inclusive, resilient and aspirational, where families and children feel safe, empowered and connected.

Priority areas

- Education, pathways and life transitions – children and families are supported and well-prepared to handle life transitions.
- Partnerships and collaboration – enhanced sector capacity, cross sector collaboration and coordination for effective wrap around services and innovations.
- Building Social Capital - safe and empowered environments through links and connections within the 'whole of 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 2022-2024 in the suburbs Bossley Park, Carramar, Edensor Park, Fairfield, Fairfield East, Fairfield Heights, Fairfield West, Greenfield Park, Old Guildford, Prairiewood, Smithfield, Villawood, Wetherill Park and Yennora.

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.

Building a Bridge to High School

Aims to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable children and young people transitioning from primary school to high school by facilitating evidence based programs to equip them with strategies, inspiration, and skills in goal setting; assisting to build relationships between children, young people, their families and their schools to enhance engagement with education.

Community Partner: Woodville Alliance

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Children in Years 5 & 6 and their families

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Empowering Parents Empowering Communities

This program utilises a peer-to-peer approach to deliver the 'Being a Parent' (BAP) course over 10 weeks (60hrs), targeting parents with children 0-12 years. The BAP course supports the development of positive communication, emotional literacy and parenting skills.

Community Partner: Karitane

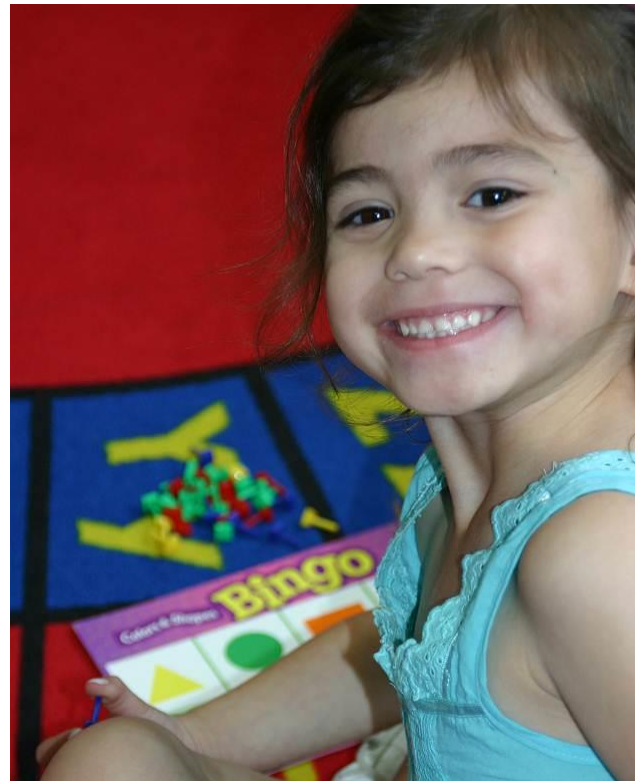
Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Parents of children aged 0 - 12 years

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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

Eligibility: Children aged 4-12 years and their families

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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/

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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, and their families.

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Next Steps

Targeting emerging communities and migrant families and children, this project aims to promote early childhood learning by building capacity for school readiness. It aims to build resilience in children and parents to overcome disadvantage and better cope with life transitions through a co-designed program that incorporates evidence based practices.

Community Partner: Community First Step

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Children aged 0-12 years and their families

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Ready, Steady, Thrive!

Delivers invaluable professional support within priority schools and early childhood settings to help address and improve the social, learning and wellbeing capacity of vulnerable and disadvantaged children, helping them to transition confidently and successfully through vital life transitions.

Community Partner: Learning Links

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Children aged 0 - 12 years of age

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Strong Safe Families

Supports children and their families to understand, navigate and effectively interact with and transition through complex systems such as education/ health/ child protection whilst developing specific skills, strategies and capabilities to improve outcomes for themselves and their entire families.

Community Partner: Prosper

Service delivery area: Fairfield CfC area

Eligibility: Children aged 0 - 12 years and their families

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