

KEYS

Kids Early Years Network



Why it is important

- The service system is difficult to navigate for families and workers.
- Cross agency commitment and investment in the family, during prenatal and early childhood is significant to the health and wellbeing of a child.
- Children who live in adversity are 1.5 to 2 times more likely to not have the skills they require for a successful school experience.

Partners involved

The KEYS Network is delivered by WentWest (non-government organisation) as a partnership with NSW Department of Communities and Justice, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, NSW Department of Education, NSW Police and Western Sydney Local Health District.

Aim of the project

The KEYS Network aims to make it easier for service providers to interact and work together to better support families. At the heart of this model is the belief that we can deliver better services if we, as a sector, collaborate and coordinate our front-line efforts.

The family unit is the most important place for a child to receive love and care. There are times however, when families need some extra support to meet life's challenges.

The KEYS Network aims to provide better support to families in Western Sydney with children aged 0-5 years by utilising a networked service system to help families get the right support at the right time. This means that fewer people and families will fall through the gaps and have their family situation worsen.



Where we are at

We are developing the processes for this new way of working. We are continually listening, asking for feedback, and learning with families and service providers as we go. We are starting small – learning and building as we go.

This evidence-based, rigorous, and collaborative approach will ensure that we are implementing a solution that is effective and efficient. Most importantly, it will be suitable for the different families and cultures, and the operating context of our service providers in Western Sydney.

In designing a new way of working to support families in Western Sydney, our underpinning principles are:

- Child and family centred
- Flexible to need
- Guiding and empowering
- Working together
- Refreshingly simple

Contact

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