

# ABOUT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING COLLABORATION

## BACKGROUND

Hosted by the Telethon Kids Institute and seed funded by the Minderoo Foundation, the Early Childhood Development and Learning Collaboration, actively responds to the need to accelerate the implementation of practical and relevant early childhood research outcomes to those who need it most throughout Australia.

The Collaboration is a hub driven to bring together the community, clinicians, educators, government and researchers to improve evidence-based service delivery that meets the needs of vulnerable children, families and communities.

The Collaboration is committed to disseminating evidence about what works best to support young children's development. It will work closely with those who provide care for young children and their families and build their capacity to use research evidence that is authentic and relevant to their practice. Where the evidence is weak or doesn't exist, the Collaboration will partner with others to undertake new research to determine what works, for whom and under what conditions. The Collaboration's research outcomes will provide the evidence needed for quality policy and practice by governments, service providers and the community.

The Collaboration is governed by an Advisory Council, independently chaired by Emeritus Professor of Education Bill Loudon and managed at the Telethon Kids Institute by the inaugural director Professor Donna Cross.

## PRIORITIES

The Collaboration has prioritised the following areas of focus:

- Research evidence to address gaps in understanding what is needed for cohesive early childhood service delivery
- The elements of success associated with best-practice for integrated early childhood service delivery
- New knowledge to inform and advocate for effective early childhood public policy and practice
- Improved research and practice capacity in early childhood service delivery

Importantly, the Collaboration will be informed by the needs of the sector to ensure its outcomes support a whole of nation approach that optimises the development of all young children, especially those from vulnerable families.

## JOIN US

The Collaboration will primarily focus on getting the most relevant and robust evidence to those who can use it to care for and develop our children. It will bring researchers together with service providers, communities and policy makers to work towards a common goal - ensuring early childhood is the foundation for lifelong success. Please join us to enable every child to reach his/her potential.

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