

## VISION

Young children in Australia develop, learn and thrive so they can build a better future for themselves and their communities.

## MISSION

To bring together families, clinicians, educators, policy makers, other practitioners and researchers to provide evidence to improve service delivery and community capacity to meet the needs of children, families and communities who are experiencing vulnerability.

## OUR VALUES

- ▶ We combine efforts and work in partnership
- ▶ We respect the contributions of all who work at and with the Collaboration
- ▶ We care for children and the community, in Western Australia and beyond
- ▶ We listen to children, families and communities and are driven by their priorities and knowledge
- ▶ We challenge existing ideas and ourselves, and seek innovative and creative ways to find solutions
- ▶ We share robust, practical and accessible evidence
- ▶ We translate our research into actions that can make a difference, and we always measure impact
- ▶ We act in ways that build capacity

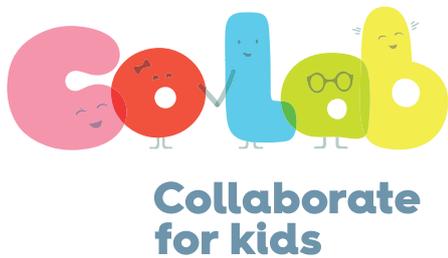
## WHAT WE WILL DO

<b>New Research and Evidence Synthesis</b>	Collating existing evidence and interpreting findings into varying contexts, identifying gaps in the evidence and facilitating new research.
<b>Translation</b>	Translating evidence into meaningful policy and practice.
<b>Communication</b>	Communicating our work to service providers, policy makers and families in ways that make sense to them.
<b>Influencing Policy</b>	Using our expertise, reputation and relationships to positively influence policy and service delivery for children and their families.

*To do this we will establish consultation groups, produce evidence summaries, position papers and report cards, conduct think tanks and forums, facilitate and lead research and participate in demonstration projects.*

## PRIORITIES AND EXAMPLE ACTIONS

1. Families Experiencing Vulnerability	2. Place-based Approaches	3. Economic Understanding of Service Delivery
<p><b>Forums</b> (e.g. International Guest Speaker Jack Shonkoff)</p> <p><b>Evidence Summaries</b> Family Inclusive Practice; Embedding Cultural Security</p> <p><b>Position Papers</b> 'What Works for Whom'</p> <p><b>Partnership</b> with Government agencies</p>	<p><b>Forums</b> (e.g. What do we know: Place-based Approaches)</p> <p><b>Evidence Summaries</b> Critical success factors for integrating children's services</p> <p><b>Position Paper</b> 'Place-based Approaches'</p>	<p><b>Economic Think Tank Research</b> bringing leaders in the field together to drive Australian research</p> <p><b>Position Paper</b> 'Gaps in economic understanding of early childhood service delivery'</p> <p><b>Position Paper</b> 'Coordination of children's services – costs and benefits'</p>
<p><b>Cross Cutting</b></p> <p><b>Child Development Atlas</b> geospatial maps of child development and social data</p> <p><b>The Early Years' App</b> information app for parents and service providers</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Report Card</b> track the status of early childhood systems in Australia</p> <p><b>Demonstration Projects</b> to enhance service delivery</p> <p><b>Higher Degree Students</b> to build capacity in early years research</p>		



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CoLab was established to bring together the expertise of families, clinicians, educators, policy makers, other practitioners and researchers to work together to improve the development and learning of Australian children.

CoLab was launched through a partnership between the Telethon Kids Institute and the Minderoo Foundation.

Minderoo and Telethon Kids recognise early childhood as a time of great opportunity and significant risk. To improve the future for children, non-traditional partners need to work together over a sustained period of time. It is critical that we collaborate to ensure every Australian child gets the best possible start in life.

CoLab is committed to supporting integrated approaches that build sustainable empowerment in individuals and communities. CoLab provides a platform to enhance early childhood development and learning to ensure young children in Australia develop, learn and thrive.

## OUR COUNCIL

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Emeritus Professor of Education, University of Western Australia

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