

# Flying Start for kids

Check in and Q&A



# Acknowledgement of Country

## From the heart:

We acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples as the First peoples of South Australia and as custodians of the lands, waters, skies and communities where we live, learn and raise children.

We recognise Aboriginal peoples as having the longest living culture, raising children safe and strong in their Identity, Community, Culture, and connection to Country.

We pay our deep respects to Elders past and present, and their role as the first knowledge sharers for children. We follow in their footsteps.

Aboriginal peoples, working with and for children, are central in shaping our work. Their wisdom, advice, and guidance enriches our practices, creating a more inclusive and culturally safe environment for children and families.

We respect Aboriginal peoples' ways of being, doing and wise practices guiding our continual learning.

Together we walk and build stronger, more supportive communities for all children.



# By the end of today's session



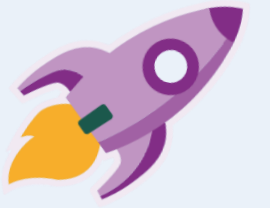
You should know more about:

- Our 3-year-old preschool public awareness campaign
- Declaration and consent requirements for 3- and 4-year-old preschool
- Participation in the EC Connect Sector Reference Group
- ECT workforce data collection



We've also allocated time for you to ask questions in a live Q&A.





We'd love to check in and learn how we can better support you in preparing to deliver 3-year-old preschool in January 2026.

No right or wrong answers, just your honest take.





How are you feeling about introducing 3-year-old preschool?



# What areas of the reforms would you like more information about?

How it's going to look in practice

13

Popular

A one pager to explain the funding

9

Toolkit detail

7

Preschool Boost groups

4

Boost plan.

4

Preschool plus

3

Preschool boost

2

More guides

2

What information would be most useful for us to share with your educators, teachers and staff?

fact sheets

2

Popular

What does teacher led look like I. The 3-5 room

1

When and how the training and professional development will be delivered.

Fact sheets

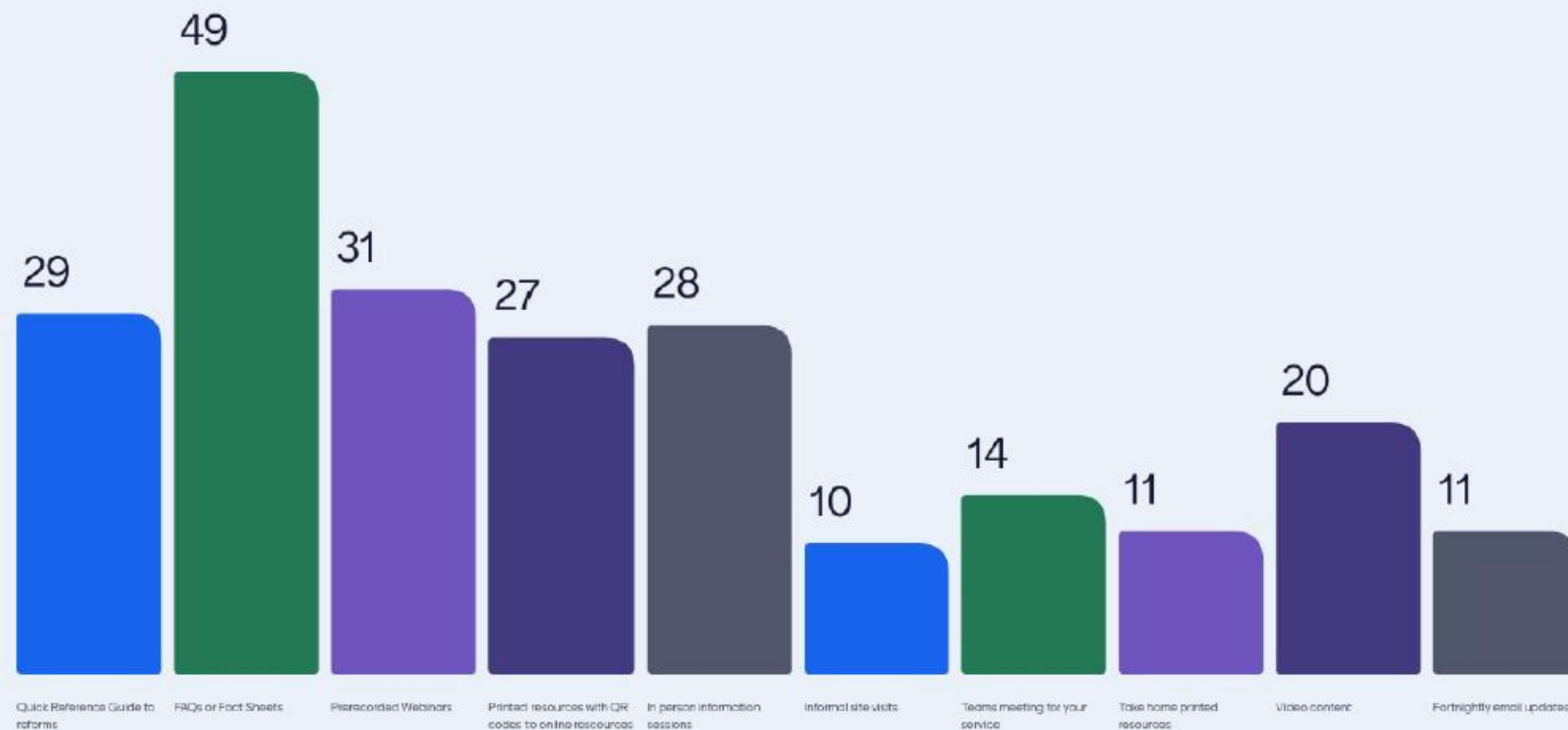
what will be different

Anything with simple wording

FAQ

Poster / fact sheets for team rooms

What are the best ways for us to share information with your educators, teachers, and staff?



# What information would be most useful for us to share with families in your service?

Video content

1

Popular

Benefots of the program. Specifics.

1

Popular

Information for online portal

They also want to know how it will look

Benefits for their child

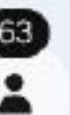
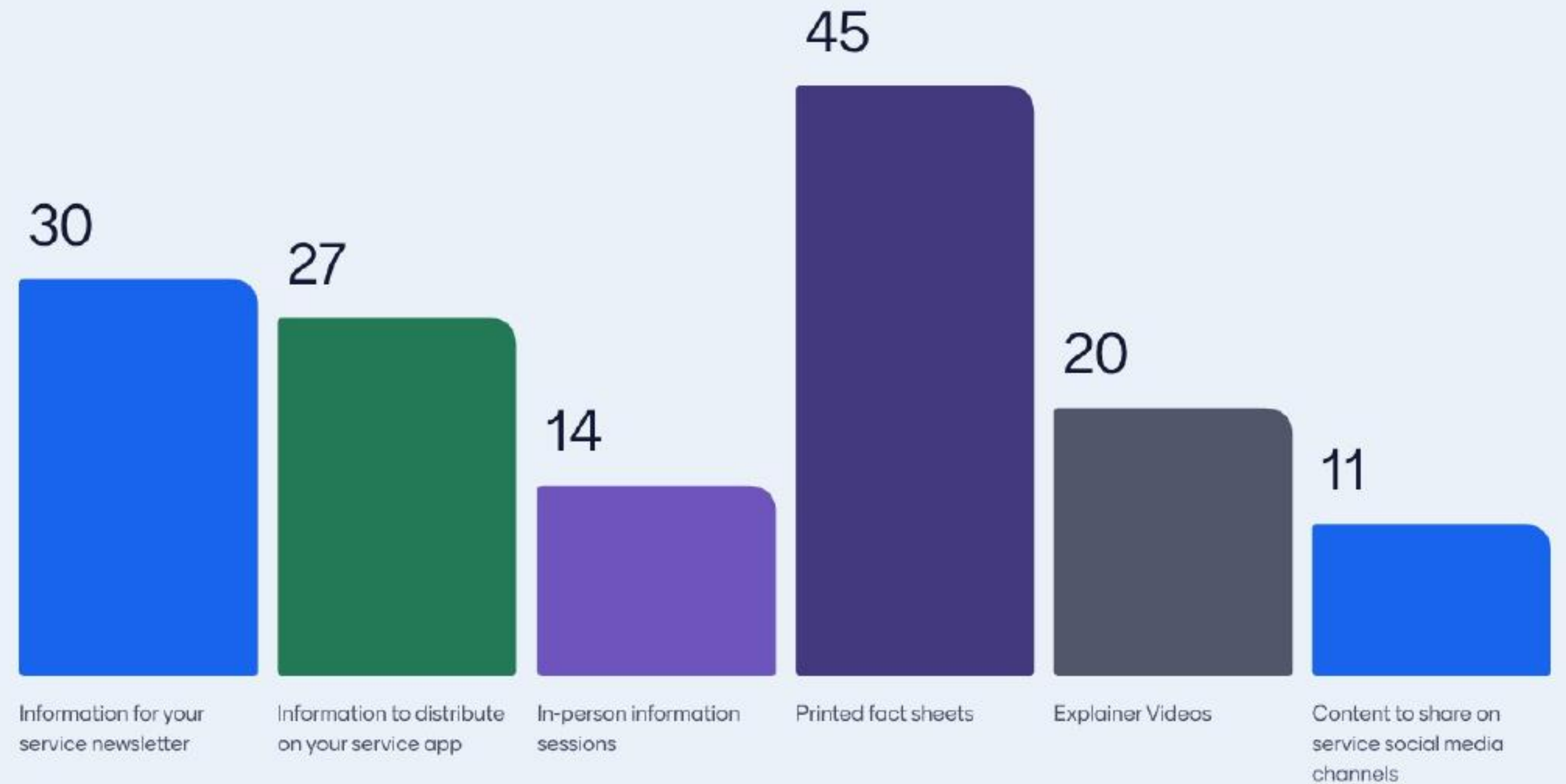
benefits to children

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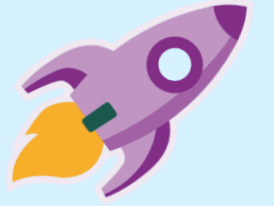
One pager with information/fact sheets



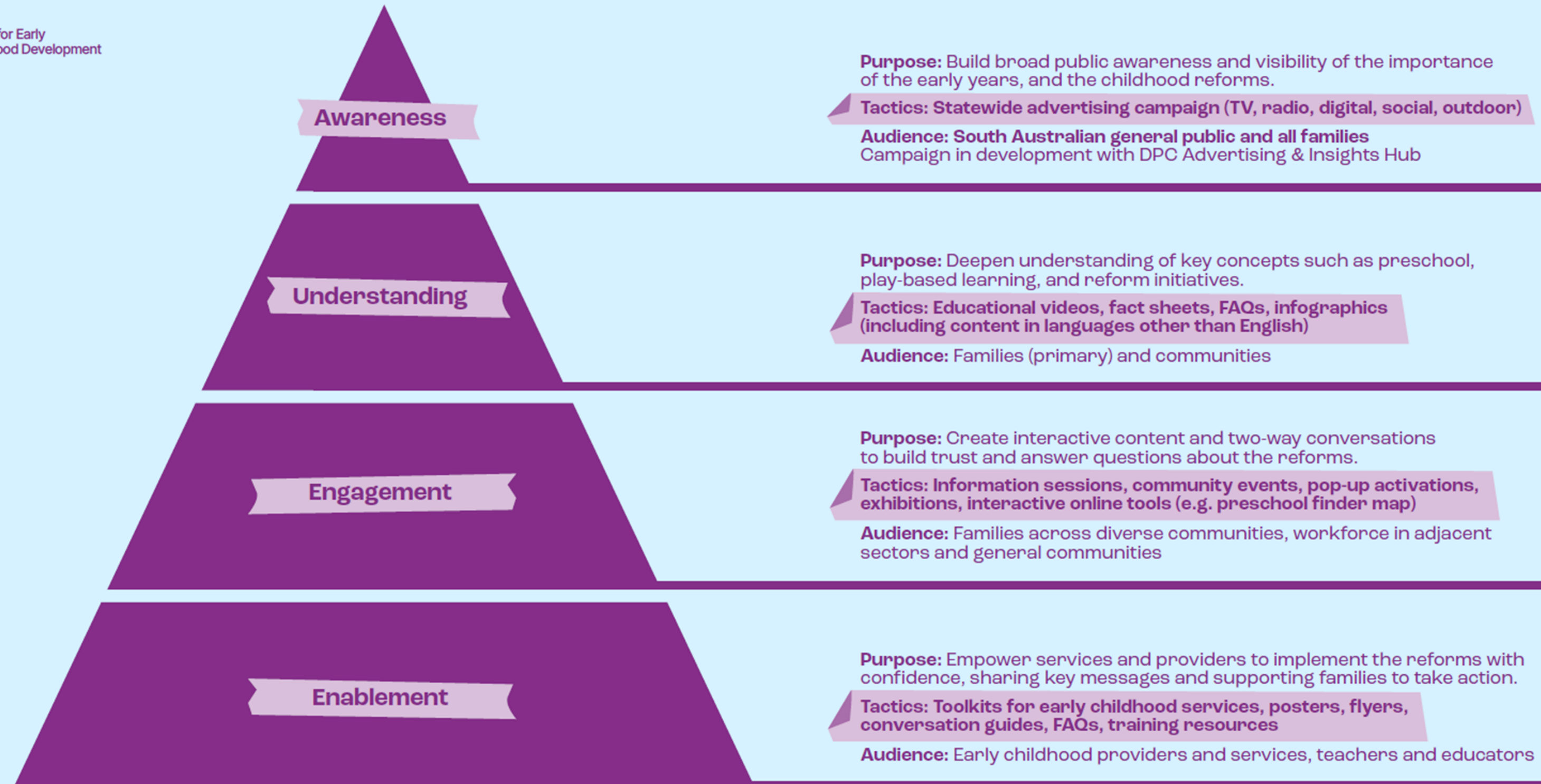
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# Campaign update



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# Campaign update



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## Cup floweth for AFLW

Crows Sarah Allan and Port's Justine Mules-Robinson at the AFLW Captains Day. Picture: James Wiltshire/AFL Photos via Getty

AFLW captains, including Crows' Sarah Allan and Port's Justine Mules-Robinson, gathered in Melbourne on Tuesday to ring in the start of the 10th season of the competition. Players, officials and key stakeholders gathered at Southbank to mark the occasion. AFLW trailblazer Susan Alberti was bursting with pride that the game had come so far during the past decade. "Who would have thought," she said. "I was the first ambassador and now it's



AFLW Captains Day at Marvel Stadium. Picture: Michael Klein

into its tenth season. "It's very special. I'm chairing an advisory, for umpiring and coaching. Seeing the growth, that participation is increasing, and I want women to be given the same opportunities as the men have been given. I see that happening more and

more." Hawthorn president Andy Gowers proudly said: "It's critical. And we are building a new home with equal facilities for men and women which we haven't had before. Having that opportunity now with a blank canvas is great." The season opener is on August 14 between Collingwood and Carlton at Ikon Park. "We've done a lot in 10 seasons, we've still got a lot more to do and even having all the captains in today, you can just feel how ready and excited they are," said the AFL's Laura Kane.

## PM says G'day to Gaza

### Support to Palestine

**Joseph Olbrycht-Palmer** British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said he would go ahead with recognition if Israel did not loosen its chokehold on aid into Gaza, where the death toll from starvation is up to nearly 200, according to local health officials.

Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong on Tuesday repeated the government's condemnation of Hamas, and said there was a unique opportunity to isolate and diminish it while giving life to a Palestinian state.

"Hamas is a terrorist organisation," she told the ABC. "We consistently condemn them. We have multiple sanctions on them. "When you look at what the Palestinian Authority and the Arab countries have said, condemning Hamas and committing to Hamas having no role in the future of the governance of Gaza."

Senator Wong said a two-state solution was needed to ensure peace and stability in the Middle East.

"And the reason for... the urgency behind this is that there is a risk that there will be no Palestine left to recognise if the world does not act."

Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-chief executive Alex Ryvchin said they agreed a permanent end to the war offered the "best hope of saving the remaining hostages".

"Israel accepted the internationally-brokered ceasefire that would have seen the unfettered flow of aid, the phased return of hostages and a pathway to a permanent end to the war," Mr Ryvchin said.



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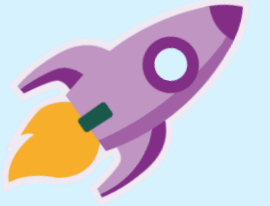
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The State Government is rolling out 3-year-old preschool from 2026, giving every child access by 2029. Because the sooner they start, the further they can go.

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# Declaration and consent forms

- Partner services must collect a completed declaration and consent form for **all children enrolled in the preschool program.**
- There are **different declaration and consent forms** for universal 3- and 4-year-old preschool due to the different eligibility settings.
- A more detailed form has been developed for Preschool Plus enrolments, to cover consent for collecting additional information (e.g., CCS level for Preschool Plus fee relief).
- **Funding cannot be claimed where consent has not been obtained** through a completed declaration and consent form.

## Forms required

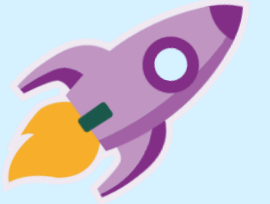
**3-year-old preschool –**  
registration of interest and  
declaration and consent form

**4-year-old preschool –**  
declaration and consent form  
only

**Preschool Plus for 3- and 4-  
year-olds –** letter of offer with  
consent embedded



# EC Connect Sector Reference Group



- As we move into the next very exciting phase of the Flying Start preschool implementation, we are looking to establish a **Sector Reference Group**.
- We want to be designing systems with end users as the forefront of our thinking.
- This group will help us with the detailed design of the data system, **EC Connect**, that will administer the new preschool program from 2026.

## EC Connect Scope

**Funding agreement management**

**Data collection and submissions**

**Funding adjustments and acquittal**

**Preschool Boost plans and acquittals**



# What will be involved?



- This group will:
  - Be briefed on **the approach to administering funding** as set out in the **Policy and Funding Guide**
  - **Give feedback** and input to **sector implications** and needs
  - Consider implementation approaches, including **training needs**
  - Support **User Acceptance Testing** of EC Connect prior to its go-live late this year to test the system design and functionality.
- Time commitment includes:
  - **Fortnightly 1 hour meetings** for an **estimated 4 month period**
  - **Initial online briefing** to confirm terms of reference in **September**, including an indicative map of consultation questions for the forward 8 week period.
  - Individual member involvement in User Acceptance Testing, which is **anticipated to commence in September** for 8 weeks and be split across approximately 4 online and/or in-person 2- to 4-hour sessions (depending on individual availability).



# How to get involved?



- The OECD is looking for 10 nominations and if we receive more than 10, we will select members on the basis that we are looking for a mix of service types and size of providers.
- Our commitment:
  - To give you time to think and discuss with colleagues
  - To listen and be transparent with any challenges in addressing your feedback
  - To make it fun!
- To get involved, please **email your nomination** (staff name and service name) to [OECD.DigitalPrograms@sa.gov.au](mailto:OECD.DigitalPrograms@sa.gov.au) by **COB 29 August 2025**.

# Workforce data and readiness



- Ensuring services have a suitable number of ECTs to deliver 3-year-old preschool is an essential element of partnering with the OECD
- The OECD Local Teams will be checking in with you regularly in preparation for January 2026 to understand whether you have the workforce needed to deliver 3-year-old preschool
- We are interested in understanding whether the staff you identified as up-skilling as part of the EOI are still on track to become a qualified ECT in time for the commencement of 3-year-old preschool in January 2026
- If you experience a change in the number or capacity of ECTs employed at your service, and feel this may impact on your ability to deliver 3-year-old preschool, please get in contact with your OECD Local Team



# Questions



## What's next?



- **August: Registrations of Interest** continues for families to enrol in 3-year-old preschool.
- **August: Preschool Boost** planning continues.
- **August: Preschool Plus** commissioned services receive information on fee relief and referrals process commences.
- **Term 3: Preschool Toolkit** to support professional development being released.





## Preschool webinars

- **29 August** – Meeting your preschool workforce requirements
- **12 September** – Data, reporting and funding
- **26 September** – Preschool Toolkit



## Connect with us

- **Email:** For questions on today's webinar [oeed.localteams@sa.gov.au](mailto:oeed.localteams@sa.gov.au)
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