

Fact sheet for Aboriginal families

Flying Start
for kids

The South Australian Aboriginal Early Childhood Strategy focuses on improving outcomes for Aboriginal children in the early years.

Shaped through co-design with Aboriginal families, Elders, Communities, Aboriginal organisations and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs*), the Strategy is grounded in what families have said matters most to their children.

What this means for your child

- Your child can take part in early learning that is welcoming and responsive, with Culture at its heart.
- Your child will be supported to grow strong in their identity, Culture, and connection to family, Community and Country.
- Early learning services and preschools will work closely with you, recognising you as your child's first teacher.
- Your child can get the supports they need early, helping them be confident, healthy and prepare for lifelong learning.

Investing in Aboriginal children, families and Communities

The South Australian Government is investing \$1.9 billion to expand early childhood education, which includes targeted funding to improve outcomes for Aboriginal children:

- \$35 million over 4 years
- \$12.8 million per year ongoing each year after that
- \$5.8 million to strengthen the Aboriginal early childhood workforce through the [South Australian Aboriginal Early Childhood Workforce Strategy](#).

This investment is designed to:

- give all children greater access to preschool before starting school
- strengthen the range of services available across settings, including preschools and long day care
- support all children to learn and grow, while ensuring Aboriginal children are supported in ways that recognise and build on their strengths.

Goals

Preschool will strengthen identity and support healthy development and learning

Families and Communities will experience a Culturally responsive and better-connected early childhood service ecosystem



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Why it matters for your child

The early years are critically important to a child's learning, health and wellbeing. Because most brain development happens before age 5, everyday interactions in these early years help build strong foundations for life.

What you might notice in your Community

The Strategy will bring together child, family, health and Community services to better work together with families, Communities and each other. As initiatives are rolled out across South Australia, you may start to see:

- more early learning services that feel welcoming and reflect Aboriginal ways of knowing, being and doing
- more Aboriginal staff, Elders and Community members involved in your child's learning
- stronger connections between preschools, family, health and Aboriginal Community Controlled services
- more supports built around what Community says children need to learn and grow.

Making it easier for families

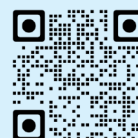
A key part of the Strategy is making it easier for Aboriginal families to find and access the supports they need. This includes helping families to:

- find and enrol in early childhood services
- access help to cover costs
- receive health and developmental screenings
- get information about child development and learning.



* When referring to ACCOs we are inclusive of ACCHOs and ACCO ECECs and in doing so, we recognise the unique setting of each.

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