

# We're all in this together

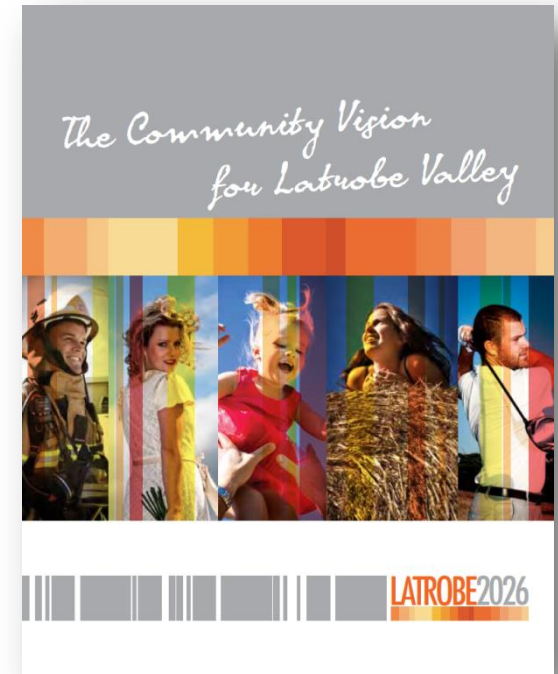
Best Start vision:  
Communities work in  
partnership to improve the  
learning, health and  
development outcomes of  
young children and their  
families, particularly those in  
greatest need.



# The community vision for Latrobe Valley

“In 2026 the Latrobe Valley is a liveable and sustainable region with collaborative and inclusive community leadership.”

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# Partnerships in Latrobe

- There are many
- Exist for specific purposes
- Purposes sometimes overlap, sometimes not
- Can be an unclear and confusing landscape



# Why partner?

e.g. 1 Who buys the milk at your house?

e.g. 2 Makes the impossible, possible  
(People vs Train video)





# Why partner?

To align services between agencies that benefits the client.

Greg Cook - Director, Centre for Leadership and Management, 2013



# Definitions of vulnerability

## Government:

Children and young people are vulnerable if the capacity of parents and family to effectively care, protect and provide for their long-term development and wellbeing is limited.

(Victoria's Vulnerable Children: Our Shared Responsibility 2012-2022 p. 4)

## AEDC:

Children falling below the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile

(AEDC Community Profile 2015, Latrobe VIC)

Q:

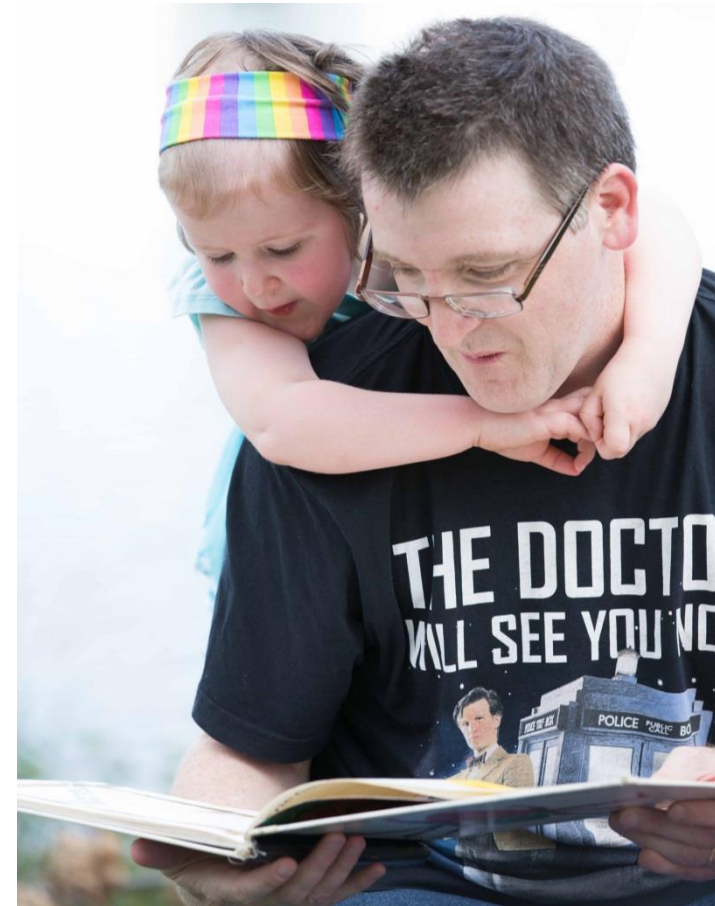
What is your/your organisation's role in improving the learning, health and development outcomes of young children and their families, particularly those in greatest need?



Q:

If you were the boss, what would you do to improve the learning, health and development outcomes of young children and their families?

Who would you need help from?





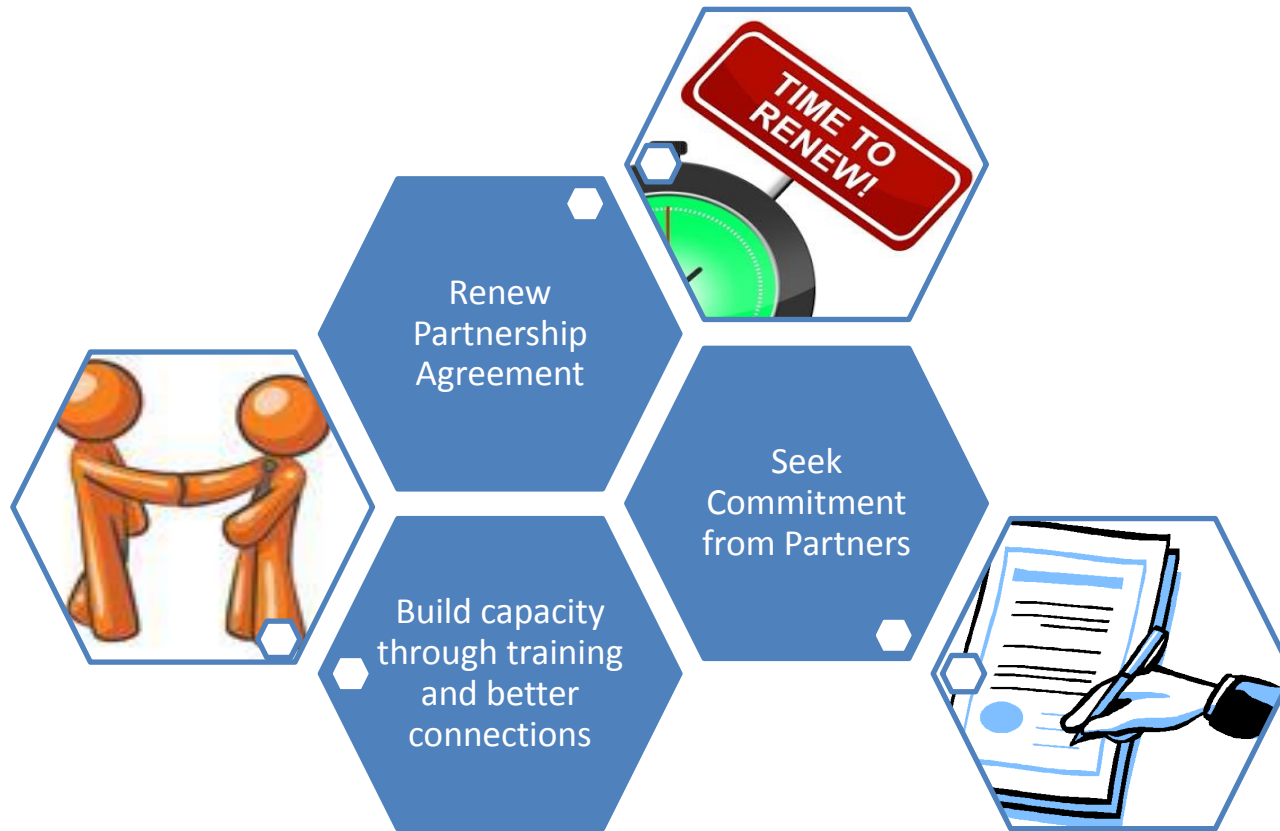
# Best Start new directions:

- Children engage and participate in early childhood education (e.g. kindergarten and supported playgroup)
- Children and families actively engage with MCH services

# Latrobe Best Start is working to:

- Increase attendance at preschool of enrolled children
- Increase enrolment in preschool with vulnerable families
- Increase attendance rates at Maternal Child Health.

# Latrobe Best Start: what's next?



# Thank you!

from Latrobe Best Start Partnership members



Education and Training



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