

Moe Heights Literacy Project

Learn2Grow



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Background Information

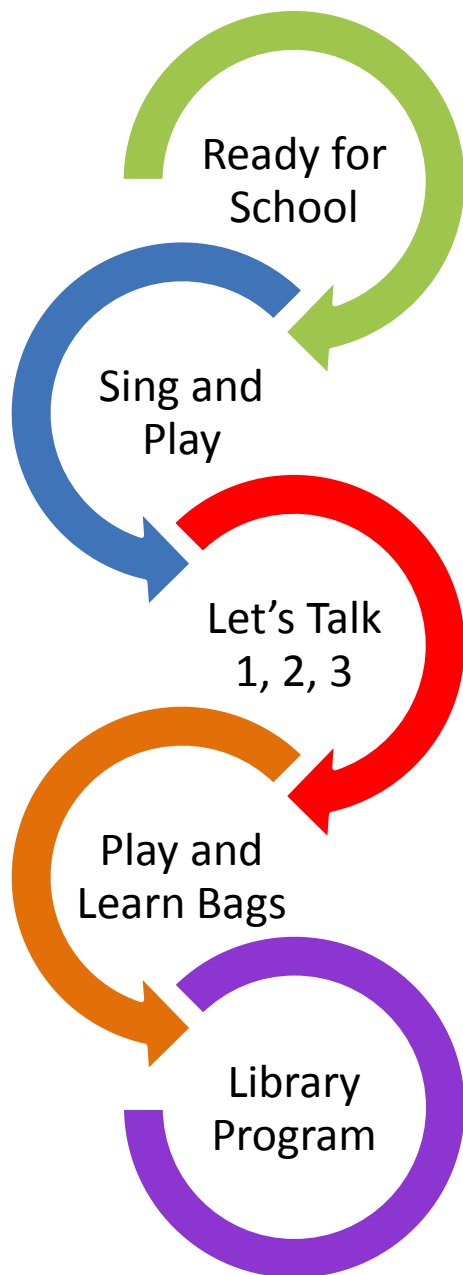
- Funded by Department of Family and Community Services Indigenous Affairs.
- Originated due to concern among Early years professionals about AEDI data
- Projects activities began to be implemented in 2008.
- Located in a Neighbourhood renewal area of Moe
- Diverse range of family support and parenting issues



Objectives



1. Increase the number of parents who recognise the importance of their role in supporting their child's education.
2. Provide opportunities to increase children's language and literacy development.
3. Increase the number of individuals involved in volunteering, mentoring or training, therefore building leadership skills.



Activities



Evaluation



MHLP Working Group is delivering an innovative, collaborative early literacy project in the Moe Heights area.



Professional staff working in local education and learning services recognise the benefits for young children and support the program in practical ways.



Continuous improvement is achieved through an approach that is based on the Good Beginnings 'Play and Learn' model and a focus on the strengths and needs of participating families.

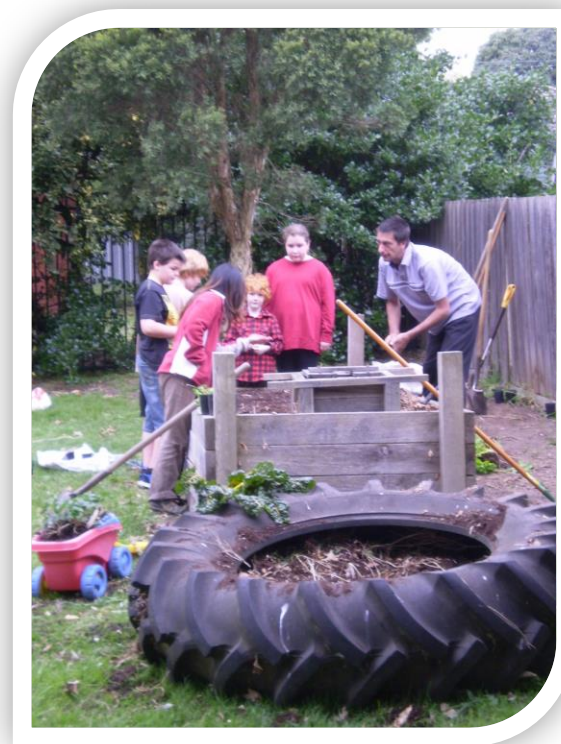


This model has been successful in this particular community of vulnerability , delivering good outcomes for families and has the potential to be replicated in other local communities.

- Preschool and school enrolment processes are completed on time and both parents and children are better prepared for the transition.
- Parents are starting to empower each other.
- Improved literacy skills – book handling behaviours, looking and recognising, picture and story comprehension, story reading behaviours.
- Developmental delays requiring specific intervention, e.g. speech therapy, identified early.
- Increased familiarity with school setting for both parents and children.



*Outcomes identified by staff and families



"The Maternal and Child Health nurse recommended that I come to the group. I like that it is based at the school. The feedback from other parents and staff is good. We get information that helps us understand our kids. Good Beginnings staff have referred us to other services to help with sleep issues and we go to Lets Talk to help A with her talking." A father who regularly attends Sing and Play.

"I moved to the area from the bush and it was good to meet people. It was a nice way for my children to learn to separate from me and mix with other children. It is an opportunity to learn. I think Sing and Play is the best part of the program."



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