



Parent Activity Groups:

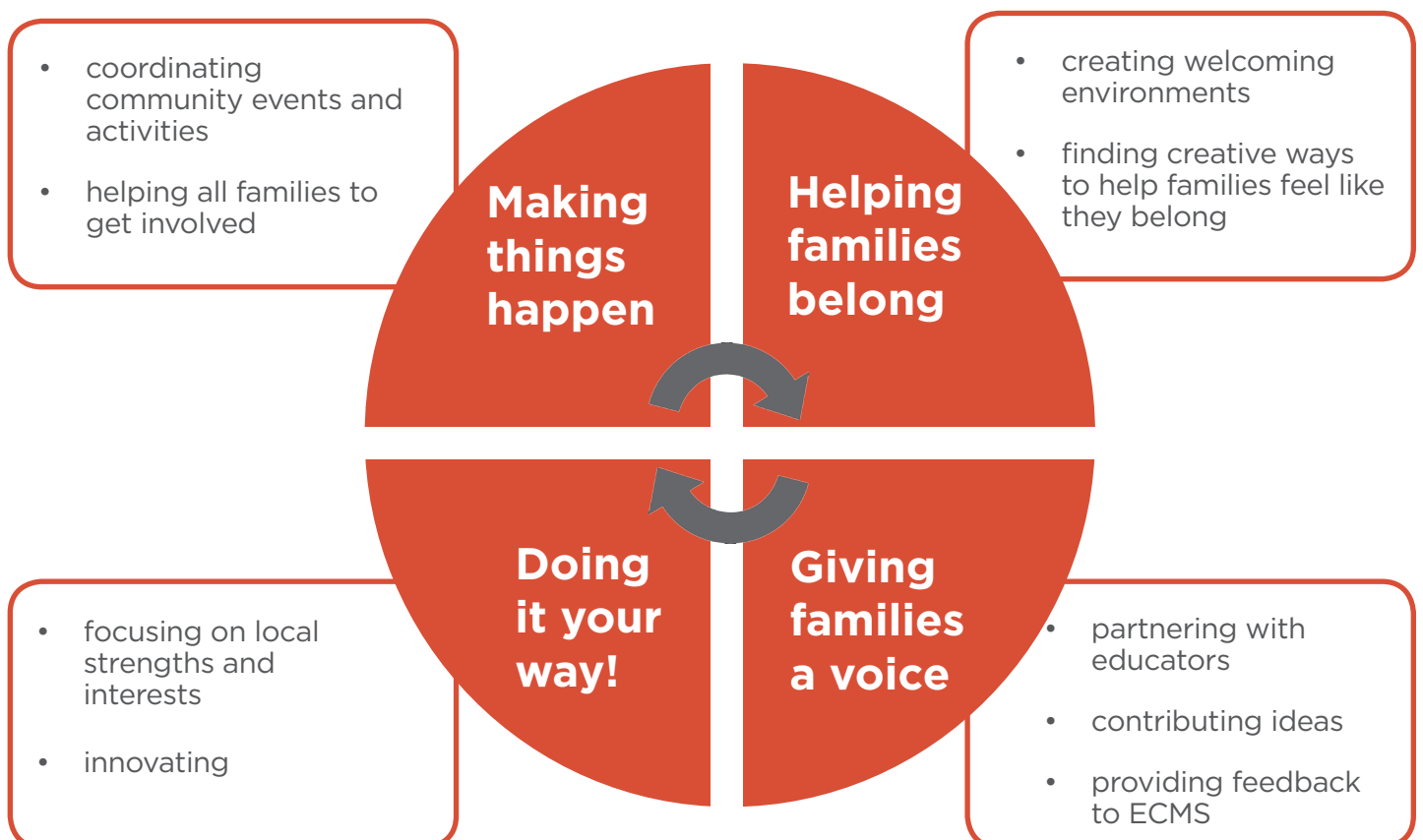
Building strong connections

What is a Parent Activity Group?

A Parent Activity Group (PAG) is an exciting new way for parents to contribute to their child's early learning service.

Unlike a traditional committee of management, a PAG doesn't have any service management responsibility. ECMS takes care of this. A PAG builds meaningful connections between parents, educators and the local community.

Every PAG is different. Each community shapes their group to suit their context, interests, available time, specialised expertise, cultural preferences, and needs. PAGs are based on four key principles/purposes:



How much time will I need to dedicate?

This is up to you. If you're time limited, please don't let this stop you.

Most PAGs meet at least once a term. We encourage you to attend the first meeting or two to find out more. It's OK if you can't come to every meeting. Any contribution you make is valued.

How is a PAG run?

At the meetings, parents and educator representative discuss what is happening at the service, share feedback and ideas, and plan upcoming activities and events.

Each PAG has a convener who calls the meetings and organises the group. Other roles are open to the group members to determine based on their interests and strengths. You may all be general members, or you may decide you need roles such as 'Social Coordinator' and 'Fundraising Planner', 'Community Liaison'

What do parents say?

"I have a greater appreciation for the work that the staff put into the kinder. I have the opportunity to voice my opinions and have a say in the social and fundraising events at the kinder."
– Arnolds Creek Kindergarten parent.

"Being at the kinder and spending extra hours completing PAG work, my daughter is becoming more and more comfortable and independent at the kinder." – Arnolds Creek Kindergarten parent.

"Through the PAG, I have met parents from the other sessions, which I am unlikely to have done otherwise." Caulfield Primary ECC parent.

Hear from more parents in this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Y6iRDMxSOo>

How can I join?

Speak to your educator to find out when the next meeting takes place. You can join at any time.



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