

# Participating in your child's early learning



Your involvement in your child's early learning experience will reward you, your child, the service and local community. Parental participation and volunteering in early learning services supports children's development, building their sense of identity and belonging. Through your voluntary participation in the service, you'll also make friends and build connections with educators and local community members. You'll learn more about what happens in the service and be encouraged to contribute your ideas and suggestions.

Family members are encouraged and actively supported to contribute in a variety of ways. You may like to be a family helper on a regular, occasional or ad hoc basis. You might also consider being part of the service's parent activity group, which will meet regularly to share ideas and coordinate a range of activities and events throughout the year to strengthen the service now and into the future.

## Other ways you can be involved in your child's kindergarten include:

- Providing feedback regularly and participating in our Annual Parent Survey conducted at the end of Term 2.
- Participating in community/social events and supporting fundraising
- Attending parent information evenings.
- Participating in the review of the service's philosophy.

- Participating in the development and review of the service's quality improvement plan.

Speak to your child's educator about ways you can become involved in the centre.

It is a requirement of the Education and Care Services Law and Regulations that the service maintains records of family helpers participating in the program. Educators will ask you to complete a family helper record/visitor's book, to meet this legal requirement. **Policy 6.2 Volunteer Family Helper Participation** further outlines the process we undertake when parents volunteer.

