

Understanding & Implementing the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)



The National Professional Support Coordinator (PSC) Alliance is working closely with the Department of Employment, Education & Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and key stakeholders to roll out nationally consistent resources, professional development and support to Australian Government Approved Child Care Services (AGACCs).

All support is available from your local PSC at **subsidised rates** for eligible services. The best preparation for the National Quality Framework is to be working now towards embedding the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) into practice. The PSCs offer a range of nationally consistent resources, professional development and support options to assist implementation of EYLF, which will complement the national Professional Learning Program (PLP) being offered by Early Childhood Australia (ECA). Expert consultancy and support is available from PSCs to explore and understand in more depth EYLF and how to embed EYLF in practice. All PSC managers are part of state and territory government EYLF working groups to ensure a national approach is delivered to all AGACCs.

Embedding EYLF in Practice

PSCs have delivered over 500 EYLF familiarisation sessions to over 12,000 early childhood educators across Australia in 2010. These sessions are available to assist educators make sense of the EYLF and provide opportunities to explore what it might look like in their setting.

A range of ongoing professional learning seminars linking with EYLF are available from entry level to advanced supporting all child care services across Australia.

PSCs provide expert and targeted professional development, support and consultancy services to embed the EYLF in practice, customised for service types and team needs. In 2010, PSCs have also delivered over 490 indepth EYLF workshops to over 11,000 educators

The range of comprehensive PSC services to support the embedding of EYLF in practice includes:

- Customised PD delivered to individual services' requirements
- Mentoring and consultancy
- Leadership and the Early Years Learning Framework
- Learning circles and professional discussion groups

EYLF Communication & Resources

EYLF Resources are available in a range of formats including electronic for download. Resources include fact sheets, reflective questions, articles in PSC newsletters and Resource Centre publications. Ongoing phone support is available through the PSC 1800 numbers. Updated information is provided through the PSC websites and through regular emails to child care services nationally.

EYLF Online Learning

E-tips, online newsletters, online team meeting packages and online learning with video links are available through PSCs. A PSC Alliance EYLF Familiarisation Session is available free of charge on all PSC websites and is available from the PSC Alliance website www.pscalliance.org.au. In 2010, there were over 123,00 downloads of PSC online resources and over 2,700 subscribers.

EYLF Research Projects

PSCs support services through research and inquiry projects to explore pathways of possibilities to engage with the Early Years Learning Framework. In 2010, 11 new action research and inquiry projects have been supported by PSCs across Australia.

EYLF Learning Forums

Learning forums available through PSCs provide an opportunity for facilitated discussions, reflective questioning and networking for educators and leaders. In 2010, 34 EYLF Learning Forums were delivered across Australia.

EYLF Learning for Support Staff & Stakeholders

Customised EYLF sessions and resources are available for support staff including Inclusion Support Facilitators (ISFs), Professional Support Service Providers (PSSPs) and Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) staff. Information sessions are also provided for local government departments, RTOs and tertiary institutions. EYLF Train the Trainer sessions are also now available.

Contact your local PSC to access support for the Early Years Learning Framework

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