



Fact Sheet

Mt Druitt Community Hub

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The Community Hub services families in Sydney's Mt Druitt area, with a focus on providing activities in partnership with local public schools. In 2011, we are working in five public schools in the area (Tregear, Lethbridge Park, Bidwill, Willmot and Noumea) with local community partners. Our programs and activities aim to build links, networks and relationships that are accessible to families with young children, particularly those not accessing existing programs. Local community needs and priorities determine which programs and activities are implemented.

Target groups

This project aims to work with families with children aged from newborn to eight years.

Service activities

Community engagement activities

To provide events and activities that bring people out of their homes to meet with other parents of young children and develop relationships with local members of the community. This service provides a soft entry point for engaging families and finding their needs, fostering relationships and promoting parent groups.

Supported playgroups

Our playgroups provide a structured program for parents and carers and their children to encourage literacy, play and informal discussions about any issues related to raising children.

Parent support activities

These groups aim to provide families with support and resources that are more intensive than those provided in a supported playgroup or by community engagement activities. This extra support includes workshops on behaviour management, 123 Magic and Triple P Parenting programs, anger management, nutrition/cooking and computer classes.

Service engagement activities

To engage in networking activities that encourage and enhance service provision and to promote the project's programs and activities.

Outcomes

- Families are better supported to care for young children
- Enhanced community capacity to support families with young children
- Enhanced support networks for families
- Better access to appropriate child and family services
- Development of supportive relationships between families

- Parents experience increased satisfaction with their parenting skills and knowledge about, and capacity to support, their children's development and education is improved
- Development and implementation of strategies to address the needs of families with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and families comprising parents and children with disabilities.

Funding sources

The Department of Human Services – Community Services funds this project under their Families NSW initiative.

Mission Australia

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