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Next release of results gives more information to communities

Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) Community Profiles are now available, providing communities with more information about how local children are developing.

The Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth – Kate Ellis – today announced the release of the Community Profiles, the next step in publishing AEDI results from the nationwide data collection in 2009.

The Community Profiles support the already mapped AEDI results by providing more detailed community-level AEDI results alongside important contextual information to support the community's understanding of local children.

The AEDI is funded by the Australian Government and is conducted by the Centre for Community Child Health at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, in partnership with the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth.

The director of the Centre for Community Child Health, Professor Frank Oberklaid, said the two academic centres of excellence believe the release of the Community Profiles will help communities better understand how they are supporting local children.

“These profiles are a powerful source of information for communities. The results at a local level are aimed at helping communities see how children in their local area are developing in those critical first few years of life before they begin school.

“The Centre for Community Child Health and the Telethon Institute have worked together to provide communities with this detailed and useful information about early childhood development outcomes in their local area.”



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Alongside the community results is a comprehensive Results Guide developed to support communities' understanding and use of the AEDI and results. Guides for Schools and Teachers have also been developed to support data collection for the AEDI.

Community Profiles and mapped AEDI results are both available online at www.aedi.org.au. The final national release of AEDI results will be in early 2011.

For more information visit the AEDI website at www.aedi.org.au.

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