

# Family Engagement Strategy 2006-08



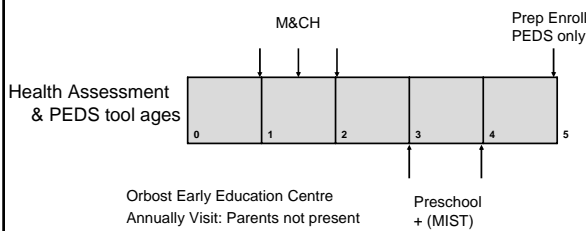
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## Overview

- Orbost M&CH
- 80 enrolments per year
- Orbost to Mallacoota
- Family Engagement Strategy
  - Integrated Service Delivery (health, childcare & education)
  - Improve transition coordination
  - Family engagement

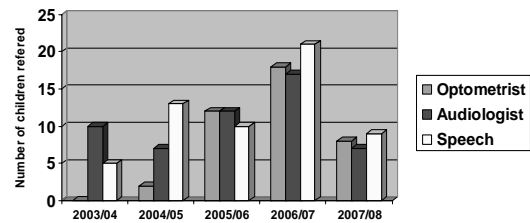
## Community Screening



## Outcomes

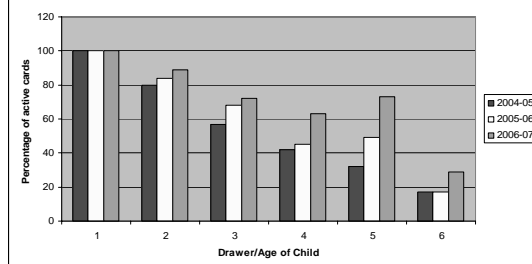
- Family Engagement Strategy from 2005/6

Referrals from M&CH to Specialist Service



## Outcomes

Effects of additional services including Young Mums, Family Engagement and TG Strategy



## Using the PEDS

- Well accepted by parents
- Broader more personal information collected
- Addresses issues important to parents
- More effective with parents present
- Referral appointments well attended
- Children at risk identified earlier
- Confidentiality/transferring information

## Related Outcomes



- Started to get a better understanding of the families experience in specialist services and transitions
- Better local service coordination (OEYRG)
- Adaptation of a local transition timetable
- Identification of gaps in service
  - Need for Parent Advocacy, enhancing EI services\*
  - Screening Summary and Referral Process\*
  - Cross service case coordination\* (health, childcare, education)

## Related Changes to Traditional Services (M&CH)



- Toddler Gym 0-5 years
- Tummy Time
- Baby Massage
  - Social connectedness
  - Access and familiarisation for parents with: early years services & health/education professionals
  - Health and developmental issues i.e.
    - Plagiocephaly (Head Shape)
    - Maternal/infant bonding
    - Pre-literacy & communication cues

## Summary



- PEDS tool invaluable for earlier identification and better engagement with families
- Service coordination within and throughout early years providers is essential
- Parent advocacy is required for families of children with high needs who are navigating early years services
- Practical fun activities improving access and opportunity for professionals and families