Platforms Professional Learning Framework

Start
Get started

Establish
Establish a comprehensive early childhood community partnership

Module 1: Getting Started: Building community capacity for change
The aim of this module is to increase participants':

- awareness of the rationale for change and how to build this awareness within their communities;
- understanding of the Platforms approach and the ability to use this approach within their communities;
- understanding of the importance of community representation and participation in all planning and decision making processes;
- understanding of a community partnership and its key components and how to translate this to their communities;
- understanding of how best to work in partnership with communities and how to promote this within their community and;
- capacity to engage a community partnership in developing a shared vision.

Learn
Learn about the community

Module 2: Using data to inform planning
The aim of this module is to increase participants':

- understanding of the different types, levels and sources of data that can be used to understand their community;
- appreciation of the value of approaching data collection from an ecological approach;
- awareness of how to facilitate the planning of data collection with others using a partnership approach;
- awareness of how to gather data using a variety of methods, including community consultation;
- ability to use and interpret both quantitative and qualitative data and;
- ability to translate data findings into priorities for action.

Plan
Plan for change using an outcomes based approach

Module 3: An outcomes-based approach to planning and evaluating
The aim of this module is to increase participants':

- understanding of the rationale behind an outcomes-based approach to planning and evaluating;
- ability to develop an action plan, including articulating outcomes and corresponding objectives, strategies, activities and indicators;
- ability to develop an evaluation plan, including identification of existing data sources and selection of appropriate data collection methods;
- appreciation of the importance of facilitating the process of developing outcomes-based frameworks and;
- evaluation plans with community partners with a partnership approach.

Implement
Support implementation of the plan

Module 4: Platforms in Practice: Implementing Services
The aim of this module is to increase participants' ability to reflect on their understandings of the journey to integration and its practical implications in the following areas:

- rationale, evidence and key features of different models of collaborative/integrated services;
- steps that support and monitor the implementation of services in a collaborative/integrated way;
- community engagement approaches whereby service philosophy and processes are driven by the needs of children and families and professional practice is based on respectful relationships;
- processes of sustaining and evaluating community partnerships and participation;
- inclusive governance that supports and informs service collaboration/integration and;
- ongoing evaluation, review and reflection on services, practice and programs

Review
Review and reflect on the work of the partnership

Module 5: Making sense of it all: from collecting data to writing reports
The aim of this module is to increase participants':

- understanding of the terms and language of an outcomes-based evaluation framework;
- understanding of the link between indicators and questions/tools used to collect data;
- appreciation of the need for the reporting of collected data and;
- skills in data entry, data analysis and report writing.