



# Every child, every community

Our purpose is to see every child thrive.

Early experiences and environments shape children's lifelong health, development and wellbeing. Currently, many children lack what they need to thrive. This inequity is unfair and preventable. We're committed to tackling inequity and enabling all children to reach their potential.

## Our approach

We unite research, clinical care, training and evaluation to offer unparalleled expertise in children's health, development and wellbeing.

With a focus on prevention and early intervention, we partner with families, communities, services, funders and governments to make a measurable difference for children.

We support evidence-informed action at multiple levels. This is necessary because many factors influence children's health, development and wellbeing. While families are most important, the communities in which children live, families' access to services and support, and wider influences all affect how children learn, live and grow.



## We use our expertise to:

- **advocate** for children
- **inform** local, state and national policy
- **partner** with communities, services and governments
- lead **research and data analysis**
- further the **knowledge and skills** of others
- develop **evidence-informed** resources
- **co-produce** innovative solutions with communities
- support the **design, implementation and effectiveness** of place-based initiatives
- **build capacity** for high quality, accessible services
- **evaluate what works** where and why
- take **learnings to scale**.

The Centre for Community Child Health takes a multi-level, evidence-informed approach to improving children's health, development and wellbeing



## Achieving impact

We focus on six impact priorities. Our research and practice tell us prioritising these areas will deliver the greatest benefits for children. While the complex and systemic challenges endured by many families and communities are not easily overcome, by taking an evidence-informed approach and working together, we can shape a better future for children, families and communities.

Our leadership over the past 25+ years has improved the lives of children and families. Significant achievements include:

- initiating and delivering the **Victorian Infant Hearing Screening Program** which screens almost all Victorian newborns in their first weeks of life to detect hearing loss
- establishing the **Raising Children Network** partnership to make reliable information on children's development available to parents and practitioners
- establishing the **Mental Health in Primary Schools Program** which will embed Mental Health and Wellbeing Leaders in all Victorian primary schools by 2025
- establishing the **Centre for Research Excellence in Childhood Adversity and Mental Health** and the **National Child and Family Hubs Network**
- developing the pilot and national roll out of the **Australia Early Development Census** – a measure of early childhood development to capture significant new national data to inform policy and practice
- trialling innovative community programs that support parents and communities including **right@home**, **Healthier Wealthier Families** and **By Five**
- partnerships for **learning** and improvement including **Best Start** and **Restacking the Odds**
- developing the paediatricians of the future through our **Victorian Training Program**
- facilitating genuine partnerships with parents and carers using the **Family Partnership Model**
- making a significant contribution to new evidence on the **First 1000 days of life**.



## Work with us

We invite you to partner with us. Contact us to discover how our Centre can help you to better meet the needs of children, families and communities.

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