

THE REIMAGINE STATEMENT

Children live and thrive in the context of their families.

Family is the most essential support system in the child's life. Hundreds of thousands of families every year seek support for a young child and are confronted and confused by a system that, despite its best intentions, has become overwhelmingly complex. Families describe their interaction with Australia's human services system as confronting, difficult and confusing, with no less than 10 separate service systems to coordinate and navigate. When you add extra layers such as cultural barriers, entrenched disadvantage and poverty to a family's circumstance, the journey becomes dangerously difficult to successfully navigate.

Families need access to a fully inclusive, well-resourced, culturally responsive and innovative early childhood support system. Empowering and supporting families through easily accessible information and resources, that are designed and delivered through the lens of the development and wellbeing of their whole family, will enable optimised outcomes for families and their children.

Reimagine Australia is calling upon families, professionals, organisations and political representatives to universally support a program of investment in national service system reform, in order to establish one easy to navigate system that best enables young children to reach their full potential. A system that maximises the opportunity of their early childhood years, and that is harmonised at Federal, State and Territory levels.

There is no greater investment in our nation's future than enabling our children to reach their full potential. We ask you to add your endorsement and commitment to **The Reimagine Statement**, and that together we can make sure that every child has every opportunity to thrive.

WE SUPPORT:



A national reform program where early childhood developmental care and support for children with disability or developmental concern, and their families, is a fundamental priority for government.



The establishment of a robust governance mechanism, with a clear vision, to oversee the reform program and to ensure seamless integration and strong embedded feedback loops within all related strategic government frameworks.



An appropriately funded and accountable strategy to address the 6 Key Priority Areas (outlined below) which are detailed in the [Reimagine Early Childhood National Action Plan to 2030](#), commissioned by the Federal Government, and co-designed with families from across our nation.

ONE

EMPOWERED AND RESOURCED:

Caregivers must be empowered with information, resources and choice, to support the development and wellbeing of their whole family.

ACTION: Establish an easy to navigate pathway for families to access early childhood development supports and information from the beginning of the family journey. These pathways will guide families fluidly through all systems and have a 'no wrong door approach'.

TWO

MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION:

Children with developmental concern and/or disability and their families meaningfully participate in their networks, communities, learning and work environments.

ACTION: Individualised funding must be complemented by a whole range of evidence-based supports in order to build a fully inclusive, holistic, well-resourced and innovative early childhood support system.

THREE

SEAMLESS AND INTEGRATED:

An early childhood development ecosystem for all children, where systems and services work in an integrated and holistic way to support children and their families.

ACTION: Fully fund a family navigator service to aid families to access the universal service system, and to be the main point of contact and best-practice information from the very beginning for all families of children with developmental vulnerability or concern.

FOUR

RESPONSIVE AND RELATIONAL:

Families of children with developmental concern and/or disability receive early childhood support as soon as they require, with or without diagnosis.

ACTION: Develop an integrated national screening and response capability across all government systems that interact with children and their families, to ensure that all systems operate in a responsive way to support early intervention and prevention.

FIVE

CAPABILITIES AND QUALITY:

Australia has a skilled, collaborative and diverse workforce that deliver a range of evidence based developmental supports.

ACTION: Develop and resource a comprehensive national workforce strategy that addresses capability, quality and workforce supply.

SIX

OUTCOMES AND INNOVATION:

Meaningful data on developmental and participatory outcomes for children and families drives policy change, research and innovation in Australia.

ACTION: Invest in quality research, data collection and monitoring of early childhood development best practice and outcomes, to build a responsive and innovative sector.

EVERY
CHILD
EVERY
POSSIBILITY

JOIN US!

Let's change the future for every child...

We need your help to ensure that every child in Australia has every possibility to reach their full potential.



We are calling on the everyday hero; parents and carers, early childhood practitioners, community leaders, professionals, as well as leading organisations, peak bodies, research bodies and elected representatives.

We invite you to show your support and become a signatory to The Reimagine Statement via the QR code or visiting www.re-imagine.com.au

This is Australia's future; will you play your part in shaping it for the better?

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