



# EARLY YEARS Conference

## 5-6 May 2022

You've heard the old African proverb 'it takes a village to raise a child'?

Well, how about 'it takes a village to raise a parent'?

We know that supported parents are the key to bringing up great kids, which is why we've chosen this as the theme for our next conference. In 2022, the **National Early Years Conference** aims to build on current knowledge, expand frameworks and tool kits for practitioners working with parents including early childhood educators, healthcare professionals, child protection professionals, family support workers, child and family counsellors, community workers and program managers.

We have borrowed these wellbeing domains developed by Every Child with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) because they help us to understand that kids have needs across six primary areas. It's consistent with models of child wellbeing and the ecological approach to child development that you might already know about. For the 2022 conference, we're looking for dynamic speakers and innovative presenters who focus on practical, research and evidence-based approaches to supporting parents and primary caregivers covering one or more of these domains.

**NOW EXTENDED UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER**

If this sounds like you, then **submit an abstract** via our [website](#) before ~~1 November 2021~~. Make sure that your abstract gives us the true essence of your presentation / workshop including what the practical elements are to engage, partner and support parents including the key take aways for participants.

We're excited to hear from you, thanks for being a part of the village!

Healthy emotional, physical, mental

To stay well kids need access to physical, oral and mental health care

Learning from the early years on

Being engaged in quality early learning prior to school is an essential foundation

Housing + the basics of living

Kids do best in stable and secure family environments that are protected against poverty, safe from job losses and housing stress

Positive identity + culture

Strong family and cultural connections and confidence are crucial to healthy development.

Valued loved + safe

Positive role models and healthy relationships with parents helps create resilience in kids

Participating + having a say

All kids benefit from participating in sporting, cultural and community activities and having a say about what matters to them is important