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Early Learning for Three Year Olds

Communique #9

EL3 Advisory Group

The EL3 Advisory Group met on 6 May 2024 and received an update on the EL3 project following the conclusion of the caretaker period and commencement of the incoming Tasmanian government.

The EL3 Project Team provided an update on 2024 implementation timeframes. Work to establish the EL3 Trial Sites is underway with Community Inclusion Workers appointed in each trial site community, Local Enabling Groups convened and planning for any building and capital works underway.

Revised timeframes for the establishment of EL3 Trial Sites mean that services will commence in late 2024 or early 2025.

The next EL3 Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for 20 June 2024.

Research and Development Project

On 10 August 2023 the Tasmanian Minister for Education announced stakeholder engagement to be undertaken in Hobart and Launceston to better understand the supports and action needed for further expansion of early learning for three year olds in these areas.

DECYP has engaged Ernst and Young to undertake stakeholder engagement with the Early Childhood Education and Care sector in Greater Hobart and Greater Launceston to better understand issues, barriers to service expansion and opportunities to overcome these, with consideration of ECEC initiatives underway in other states and territories.

Findings from the stakeholder engagement will inform actions toward the long term goal of Universal Access to early learning for three year olds in Tasmania, and is an important part of the partnership approach between the Tasmanian Government and the ECEC sector to achieve this goal.

We strongly encourage ECEC services and providers to participate in stakeholder engagement activities with the Ernst and Young team where possible. Opportunities will include focus groups, workshops, interview and an ECEC sector survey in June and July 2024.

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Key upcoming opportunities include:

- At the **ECEC Roundtable** on 1 July 2024 in Campbell Town, as per the invitation sent out to ECEC services and providers, and
- Through an **Online Survey** for management and senior staff at ECEC services to complete, to capture qualitative and quantitative data on service demand and capacity (from late-June 2024).

Further information on these and other opportunities will be provider through Communique's to the ECEC sector and on the DECYP website as soon as it becomes available.

ECEC Roundtable – 1 July 2024

Planning for the next ECEC Roundtable is underway in partnership with ECA. The Roundtable is scheduled for Monday 1 July 2024 from 10.30am-1.30pm as an in-person meeting at the Campbell Town Recreation Complex.

All Tasmanian ECEC providers are encouraged to attend.

RSVP for the ECEC Roundtable via this Humanitix RSVP Link or visit the EL3 Webpage for the invitation flyer.

Have a question or comment?

Further information including previous Communiques can be found at: https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/community-and-engagement/early-learning-for-three-year-olds/

If you have any questions, please contact: el3@decyp.tas.gov.au