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## Early Years Resource for Local Governments Launched

A new resource has been launched today to support partnerships between local governments and Early Years Networks to achieve positive outcomes for children and families in Western Australia.

Early Years Networks are voluntary community groups committed to supporting children and their families.

“As the closest sphere of government to the community, local governments have an enormous potential to create a community that cares for and supports children in their early years and their families,” said WA Council of Social Service CEO Louise Giolitto.

The development of the resource was made possible by the WACOSS Connecting Early Years Network Support Project, working in partnership with the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC), the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and Local Government Professionals.

According to Ms Giolitto, “bringing together Early Years Networks and local governments can improve access to support and services at the same time as encouraging community ownership and participation.”

“Early Years Networks provide a direction connection to community professionals and local families, making them well-placed to provide advice to local governments and informing policy, strategy and services.”

“By working collaboratively, ensuring decision making is informed and evidence-based, and capitalising on local libraries to drive early literacy development and learning, Early Years Networks and local government can work together to improve the wellbeing of children in our state.”

The *Local Government & Early Years Networks: Working in Partnership Resource* was launched today at the Boulevard Centre, Floreat, by Minister David Templeman.

The resource can be accessed [here](#).

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