



Centre Support

Community Organisations for Educators

NQS 6.1.3 Current information is available

Links to useful information for educators.

Community Services		
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Patchwork - New South Wales	A smart, secure web-app which can connect frontline workers with other practitioners across agencies.	Patchwork NSW and NSW Government Family and Community Services Website: https://www.patchworknsw.net.au/
Child Protection		
Australian Institute of Family Studies – Child Family Community Australia	AIFS provide papers, resource sheets and practice guides for professionals in the child, family and community welfare sectors.	Federal Government Website: https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/
Bullying . No Way!	Part of the Safe and Supportive School Communities group where members work together to help schools create learning environments where every student and school community member is safe, supported, respected and valued.	Federal Government Department of Education Website: https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/
Daniel Morcombe Foundation	The Foundation's vision incorporates a future where all children and young people are provided with education, protection and support to be safe from abuse and risk of harm. The Foundation provides free resources to children, young people, parents, carers and professionals	Daniel Morcombe Foundation Website: https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/



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NAPCAN National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	NAPCAN provides resources and services which support and encourages community and individuals to prevent child abuse and neglect.	NAPCAN Website: https://www.napcan.org.au/
NSW Office of Children's Guardian	Office works to protect children by promoting and regulating child safe organisations. Website has child safe resources.	Independent NSW Statutory body Website: https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/
Playing It Safe	Site helps parents, carers and educators teach young children how to stay safe online and provides helpful resources and activities.	Aus Federal Police, eSafety Commissioner and Alannah & Madeline Foundation Website: https://playingitsafe.org.au/
Safer Internet Day	From cyberbullying to social networking, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and chooses a topic reflecting current concerns.	European Commission Website: https://www.saferinternetday.org/
Cultural Diversity		
ABC Education	Free educational resources for school students, but some useful also in early childhood services. There are also many free resources from Indigenous history and culture. See also list 'Classroom resources to engage students with the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages'	Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) Website: http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home



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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	The Environment, Energy and Science Group work with Aboriginal communities to preserve, protect and renew and heritage.	NSW Government Department of Planning Industry and Environment Website: https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/aboriginal-cultural-heritage
Aboriginal Rock Art	The Place, Evolution and Rock Art Heritage Unit links Griffith staff and students to a collaborative international network of researchers and Indigenous peoples undertaking innovative visual, symbolic, landscape and cultural evolution research across Australasia.	Griffith University Website: https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-centre-social-cultural-research/our-research/heritage-wellbeing/place-evolution-and-rock-art-heritage-unit
Aboriginal Rock Art Sydney	List of Sydney Aboriginal rock engravings	Ray Norris - astrophysicist at the CSIRO Website: http://www.atnf.csiro.au/people/Ray.Norris/SydneyRockArt/public_list.htm
Behind The News – Indigenous Culture	BTN broadcasts news for upper primary and lower secondary students, helping them understand issues and events outside their own lives. They also have many resources about Indigenous culture including the history of the Aboriginal flag, Indigenous recognition and the call for a treaty.	Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) Website: https://www.abc.net.au/btn/
Big Learning Life – The Early Years Count	Resources, information and stories from communities, families and Elders to support the learning of Indigenous children.	QLD Government Department of Education http://earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/type/biglearninglife/
Building Belonging	Building Belonging is a comprehensive cultural diversity toolkit of early education resources which includes lesson plans, an eBook, songs with actions, an educator guide and posters. It	Australian Government Human Rights Commission Website: https://www.humanrights.gov.au/building-belonging-toolkit-early-childhood-educators-cultural-diversity-and-responding-prejudice



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	focuses on encouraging respect for cultural diversity and tackling racial prejudice in early childhood settings.	
Closing the Gap	Closing the Gap aims to improve the lives of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Since 2008, Australian governments have worked together to deliver better health, education and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and to eliminate the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.	Aust Government National Indigenous Australians Agency Website: https://closingthegap.niaa.gov.au/
Creative Spirits	Site includes information about Aboriginal culture including rituals, rock art and stories.	Creative Spirits Website: https://www.creativespirits.info/
Emu Dreaming	Site refers to Aboriginal astronomy, culture and rock art.	Ray Norris - astrophysicist at the CSIRO Website: http://www.emudreaming.com/index.html
First Languages Australia	This site is about maintaining and reviving Australia's first languages. There is a map that showcases over 780 languages, and other resources including videos and stories.	Partners with relevant Government departments, peak bodies and Indigenous organisations. Website: https://www.firstlanguages.org.au/
Foundations for Success – Queensland	Provides resources to help deliver quality learning programs for Indigenous children. It provides additional guidance to the EYLF and is packed with information, inspiration and good practice advice.	QLD Government Department of Education and Training Website: http://www.foundationsforsuccess.qld.edu.au/
Healing Foundation	Developed with Stolen Generations members, teachers, parents and curriculum writers,	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation Website: https://healingfoundation.org.au/



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	the Foundation's resources aim to promote greater understanding about the Stolen Generations in a safe and age-appropriate way. The resource kit includes professional learning tools for teachers, including lesson plans that are mapped to the Curriculum (Foundation to Year 9).	
Knowledge Circle	The aim of the Knowledge Circle project was to share knowledge about 'what works' in delivering positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities. It provided professionals working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with quality, evidence-based information, resources and interactive support.	Aust Government Australian Institute of Family Studies Website: https://aifs.gov.au/past-projects/knowledge-circle
Little Yarns	These podcasts explore the diverse languages, stories and countries of Indigenous Australia.	Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) Website: https://www.abc.net.au/kidslisten/little-yarns/
NAIDOC	The National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) makes key decisions about activities, such as NAIDOC Week. They have many teaching resources available	Independent, voluntary committee Website: https://www.naidoc.org.au/
Narragunnawali	Narragunnawali supports all early learning services in Australia to develop environments that foster a higher level of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres	Narragunnawali Website: https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/



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	Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. Resources include a Reconciliation Action Plan template	
NSW Aboriginal Land Councils	NSW's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the Council aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community.	NSW Aboriginal Land Council Website: alc.org.au/
NSW Dept of Education	SNAICC and the Department have developed a suite of culturally specific resources that cover the NQF in a way that is relevant to services who provide education and care to Aboriginal children.	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) and the NSW Department of Education https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/culturally-relevant-resources
Reading Australia	Reading Australia was created by a not-for-profit organisation to make it easier for primary and secondary teachers to spread a love for Australian texts. They also present many great books by Indigenous authors, some of which are suitable for ECEC.	Not for profit organisation Website: https://readingaustralia.com.au/?s=Indigenous
Reconciliation Australia	Reconciliation Australia inspires and enables relationships, respect and trust between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. They have many resources.	Non-Government, non-profit foundation Reconciliation Australia Website: https://www.reconciliation.org.au/
SBS Learn	Working with the National NAIDOC Committee, SBS Learn has launched resources for NAIDOC Week. The resources are	Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) Website: https://www.sbs.com.au/learn



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	relevant to a broad range of learners and topics and provide Indigenous perspectives beyond NAIDOC Week.	
Share Our Pride	This website provides a great starting point on various Indigenous topics including identity, culture, intergenerational trauma, family and kinship.	Non-Government, non-profit foundation Reconciliation Australia Website: http://shareourpride.reconciliation.org.au/
SNAICC	National non-government body representing interests of Indigenous children. Member of Coalition of Peaks representing about 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander community-controlled peak organisations.	SNAICC Website: http://www.snaicc.org.au/
Victorian Local Aboriginal Networks and Gathering Places	Site promotes community strengthening and engagement, self-determination and treaty, cultural heritage management and protection. Site also explains how to connect with a local aboriginal network or gathering place in Victoria https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/local-aboriginal-networks-and-gathering-places	VIC Government Website: https://www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/
Curriculum		
ABC Education	Free educational resources for school students, but some useful also in early childhood services.	Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) Website: http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home
Baby Lab	Science podcast series produced in collaboration with Western Sydney	Babyology is an Australian parenting site Website: https://babyology.com.au/podcasts/babylab-a-fascinating-science-podcast-that-gets-behind-the-baby-talk.html



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	University about the science behind how babies learn to communicate.	
QLD Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA)	QCAA plays a critical role in the design and delivery of education in Queensland and provide various resources including those that support a child's transition from kindergarten to prep (first year of school).	QLD Government – QLD Curriculum and Assessment Authority Website: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/ Transition to school resources - click on heading 'Prep-Year 10' and then 'Transition to School'
The Early Years Count	The Early Years Count provides resources and information for 0-5 years to support learning and development through play, care, encouragement, numeracy and literacy. 90% of a child's brain development occurs in this period.	QLD Government Department of Education Website: http://earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/
The Digital Lunchbreak (NSW)	This website assists children with finding online resources and activities to do at home in their lunchbreak, around learning hours and on weekends.	Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People Website: https://www.digitallunchbreak.nsw.gov.au/
Emergencies		
ABC Emergency	This page has contact details for all States' emergency services and details of emergencies communicated by those agencies.	Australian Broadcasting Commission Website: https://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/
Emergency and Natural Disaster Assistance	This page useful information and links on relevant topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help for providers and services • reporting requirements and additional absences • mental health support 	Federal Department of Education Website: https://www.education.gov.au/emergency-and-natural-disaster-assistance



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Health and Wellbeing		
Australian Association for Infant Mental Health	The Association is a national organisation of professionals who hold workshops and seminars to promote knowledge about social and emotional development in 0 to 3-year-olds. They also provide resources to support help support children's wellbeing.	Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Website: https://www.aaimhi.org/
Be You	Previous programs Response Ability, KidsMatter, MindMatters and Headspace have joined together to form 'Be You'. The new Program is committed to building early learning service and school capacity to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for children from the early years up to 18. The Program includes a wide range of resources to help early childhood educators, families, community members and professionals understand more about mental health, including how to support children experiencing mental health issues.	Australian Government Department of Health Website: https://beyou.edu.au/
Birdie's Tree	Storybooks and resources to help parents and carers support babies and young children's mental health following natural disasters.	Developed by the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Website: https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/natural-disaster-recovery/
CSIRO	CSIRO is Australia's national science research	Federal Government corporate entity Website https://www.csiro.au/



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	agency. Of particular interest to ECEC is the information resources it provides on food safety including how to safely store and prepare food.	
The Brave Program	An online program which provides parents and caregivers of young children with information and skills to help their child overcome fears and anxiety.	Funded by Beyond Blue, supported by Uniquest and affiliated with University of Queensland, Griffith University and University of Southern Queensland Website: https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/preschool-program
Center on the Developing Child	The Center completes research and development into science based practices which promote positive outcomes for children. Center has several on-line practice guides eg a 'Guide to Toxic Stress' and 'Serve and Return: How Your Interaction with Children Can Build Brains'	Harvard University Website: https://developingchild.harvard.edu/
Early Years Health and Development	Helps parents and educators with resources and information on social and emotion wellbeing, development and communication, healthy eating and physical activity, health, safety and hygiene practices, ear health and complex and additional needs.	QLD Government Department of Education Website: https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/d1fe14fb-4339-4210-80e7-27637e4e6411/1/portal/index.html
Emerging Minds	Emerging Minds assist professionals, organisation and families with the skills to identify, asses, and support children at risk of mental health conditions. Website has lots of free resources and training modules.	Emerging Minds Website: https://emergingminds.com.au/
Food	Food Standards Australia	Food Standards Australia New Zealand



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Standards Australia & New Zealand	& New Zealand develop standards that regulate the use of ingredients, processing aids, colourings, additives, vitamins and minerals. Website includes a food allergen portal with links to best practice food allergen resources for children's services.	Website: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx
Head to Health	Head to Health helps find digital mental health services for children and adults from some of Australia's most trusted mental health organisations. There are apps, online programs, online forums, phone services and a range of digital information resources.	Federal Department of Health https://headtohealth.gov.au/
Make Healthy Normal	Website provides information about everyday healthy living including portals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Kids – information to support healthy eating and activity • Go4Fun – free healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year olds • Get Healthy Info and Coaching – free telephone-based coaching helping people make lifestyle changes • 8700 – help people understand kilojoule information • Get Healthy At Work – tools and resources to help create an effective workplace health program 	NSW Government Department of Health Website: http://www.makehealthynormal.nsw.gov.au/ Healthy Kids: http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/ Go4Fun: https://go4fun.com.au/ Get Healthy Info and Coaching: http://www.gethealthynsw.com.au/ 8700: https://www.8700.com.au/ Get Healthy At Work: http://www.gethealthyatwork.com.au/ Finish with the Right Stuff: http://www.rightstuff.health.nsw.gov.au/ Knockout Health Challenge: http://www.nswknockouthealthchallenge.com.au/



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish with the Right Stuff – promotion of healthy food and drinks at the canteen and water • Knockout Health Challenge – aim to reduce the rates of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities 	
Neat Eats Initiative	Promotes nutritious food and provides access to healthy recipes. You can also submit your own recipes	Children’s Week Association of Queensland Website: https://neateats.com.au/
Poisons Information Centre	The National Poisons Information Centre has offices in each State and Territory which provide poison information/first aid fact sheets and resources.	State governments Website: https://www.poisonsinfo.nsw.gov.au/ https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/chq/our-services/queensland-poisons-information-centre/ http://www.austin.org.au/poisons https://knowinjury.org.au/directory/wa-poisons-information-centre/
Ready Together	Site has resources for educators that translates learnings from child (and brain) development research into everyday language from before birth to five years old.	Qld Government Department o Education Website: www.qld.gov.au/readytogether
St John Ambulance	St John Ambulance helps people in sickness, distress or danger. They have many online resources including first aid fact sheets in different languages.	Charity Website: https://stjohn.org.au/
Staying Healthy – Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood	Guidelines describe infectious diseases and outlines how services can prevent and control the spread of infection eg lists recommended exclusion periods for various infectious diseases. It also contains information on responding to children	National Health and Medical Research Council Website: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/publications/attachments/ch55_staying_healthy_childcare_5th_edition.pdf Exclusion periods See Table 1.1: PAGE 24 – 26



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education and care services 5th edition	who become ill through infection control and hygiene measures.	
Student Wellbeing Hub	The Hub provides resources for teachers, families and students to promote children's wellbeing, including Australian Student Wellbeing Framework to help children deal with bullying and cyberbullying.	Education Services Australia for Australian Government Department of Education and Training Website: https://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/
Wellbeing Australia	Wellbeing Australia brings together people and organisations committed to developing healthy relationships, with a particular emphasis on family, education and the workplace. Website has list of tools, resources and links to relevant organisations.	Not for profit network Website: https://www.wellbeingaustralia.com.au/

Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

Book 'Caring for Children : food, nutrition and fun activities : a practical guide to meeting the food and nutrition needs of	A great book if you are cooking meals in your centre.	Authors Carolyn Bunney and Lauren Williams 4th Edition Publisher Lady Gowrie Child centre, Sydney 2005
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children in care'		
Diabetes Australia	Diabetes Australia is committed to reducing the impact of diabetes through leadership, prevention, management and research. There are online resources to support healthy eating and lifestyles.	National body Website: https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/
Eat for Health	Website contains information and resources related to the Australian Dietary Guidelines, advice and tips on eating well and calculators to help estimate energy needs and the number of serves needed from the five food groups.	National Health and Medical Research Council Website: https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/
feedAustralia	feedAustralia is a free menu planning tool which supports services to provide meals which meet the Australian Dietary Guidelines by immediately determining if each dish meets the Guidelines. There are also recipe and snack suggestions available. The program sits within existing child care management systems.	Federal Government Department of Health Website: https://www.feedaustralia.org.au/
Food Allergy Education – National Allergy Strategy	The National Allergy Strategy aims to improve the health and quality of life of Australians with allergic diseases. There are free online courses and resources to help manage allergies, including some specifically for people in food service jobs.	Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) National Allergy Strategy www.nationalallergystrategy.org.au Website: https://www.foodallergyeducation.org.au/ Website: https://foodallergytraining.org.au/
Food	FSANZ protects the	Federal Government



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Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)	health and safety people in Australia and New Zealand by developing and managing standards for food (known as Food Standards Code). They produce several publications about the Code including 'The official shopper's guide to food additives and labels: know what you are eating at a glance'	Website: www.foodstandards.gov.au
Heart Foundation	As well as research, advocacy and support for people living with heart conditions, the Heart Foundation also educates helps people make healthy choices. There are a range of resources including healthy recipes online.	Charity Website: https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/
LEAPS – Learning, Eating, Active Play, Sleep	LEAPS is a Queensland program specially designed for early childhood educators to learn how to successfully implement 'Get Up & Grow' healthy lifestyle guidelines into their daily activities.	QLD Government Nutrition Australia Website: https://training.naqnutrition.org/courses/leaps/
Munch and Move	<i>Munch & Move</i> supports the healthy development of children birth to 5 years by promoting physical activity, healthy eating and reduced small screen time. <i>Munch & Move</i> offers training and resources to educators working in NSW early childhood education and care services.	NSW Health Website: https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/about-munch-move.aspx
Nutrition Australia	Provides resources including recipes which promote healthy eating	Non-profit community based organisation Website: http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/
Dietitians	This professional	Association



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ns Associat ion of Australi a	association has 'Smart Eating' facts sheets and recipes which promote healthy eating	Website: www.daa.asn.au
The Edible Schooly ard Project	Provides information on the benefits of an edible schoolyard in children's lives and how it benefits their health and wellbeing.	The Edible Schoolyard Project Website: https://edibleschoolyard.org/
Inclusion		
AllPlay	This program aims to support inclusivity of children and young people with developmental challenges and disabilities in an education setting through the development of practical online evidence-based resources and training for teachers, families and children.	Deakin University and VIC DET https://allplaylearn.org.au/
Level Playgro und	Provides ideas and activities for parents, carers and educators which are free from gender stereotypes	Level Playground is a project of EDVOS, a specialist family violence service in Melbourne. The project aims to breakdown rigid gender stereotypes and gender inequalities Website: https://www.levelplayground.org.au/
Victoria n Inclusio n Agency	The Agency has a series of videos to support educators promoting cultural diversity including Indigenous culture and including children with disability	Victorian Inclusion Agency https://vimeo.com/viac
NQF		
Multi- media Present ations – Queensl and ECEC	A range of multi-media presentations on key National Quality Framework (NQF) issues.	QLD Government Department of Education Website: https://qed.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/service-providers/framework/resources/podcast
Safety		
NSW	There are Police Legacies	NSW Police Legacy



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Police Legacy	in most States and Territories which care for members of the police service and their families. The NSW Policy Legacy issues a Child Safety Handbook which includes information about child protection, water and sun safety, bullying and cyberbullying	Website: https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/
Sustainability		
Cool Australia	This organisation creates free downloadable resources, many of which relate to the environment and sustainability. All resources are linked to the EYLF outcomes.	Cool Australia – Learn for life Website: https://www.coolaustralia.org/
NSW Early Childhood Environmental Education Network (ECEEN)	A community of educators, families and children who aim to create living and learning spaces within the community that encourage sustainable practices.	NSW ECEEN Website: http://www.eceen.org.au/index.asp
The Edible Schoolyard Project	This U.S. organisation builds and shares an edible curriculum for preschool through to high school promotes healthy food. There are free resources and lesson plans promoting sustainable gardening etc	Martin Luther King Jr Middle School Berkeley California Website: https://edibleschoolyard.org/about