



Early Childhood
Learning & Development
CONFERENCE

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ECLD CONFERENCE

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📅 Saturday, 8 March 2025

📍 Optus Stadium, Perth, Western Australia

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025 ECLD Conference proudly presented by Child Australia!

As we gather in Perth, our shared enthusiasm for innovative strategies, transformative ideas and connecting with fellow professionals dedicated to shaping children, unites us.

Esteemed keynote speakers, delegates and exhibitors from across the country have converged to offer practical approaches for working with children across various settings and your team's wellbeing. This experience aims to guide you in unpacking the latest trends and best practices, nurture critical reflective thinking and showcase professional development resources and digital solutions tailored to your role.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage you to embrace the spirit of collaboration, engage in conversations, share your experiences and absorb the wisdom woven throughout this gathering.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our sponsors, partners, speakers and delegates for their unwavering support in bringing this event to life. Your dedication mirrors our shared vision and we firmly believe that the relationships forged and knowledge acquired during this conference will extend far beyond its conclusion.

Let's seize this exceptional opportunity to ignite change, elevate early childhood education standards and collectively amplify our impact.

We are excited to welcome you to this event, as it is through our collective efforts that we can genuinely enrich children's lives.

Tina Holtom

Chief Executive Officer
Child Australia

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KEYNOTE SESSIONS



“Decompressing Stress: How to Break the Stress Loop to Improve your Mental Health and Flourish”

by Jennifer Jefferies

With her inspiring story of resilience and reinvention, Jennifer will dive into the topic of wellbeing, sharing practical strategies to restore balance and prevent burnout in the fast-paced ECEC sector.

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A former soldier turned renowned naturopath, Jennifer has helped leading global brands empower their people to thrive amidst stress and uncertainty.



“Growing Healthy Minds: Protecting Children’s Mental Health in a Digital Age”

by Selena Bartlett

We are facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities presented by the digital age.

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By addressing critical issues like cyberbullying, social media influence and digital addiction, “Being Seen” equips educators with strategies to foster resilience and healthy digital habits.



“Can You Keep me Safer? Child Safety in our Every Day”

by Nicole Talarico

A champion for children’s rights and social justice in Early Childhood Education, Nicole invites us to radically reflect on our practices through a lens of equity.

By rethinking how accessible and supportive our services are, we can create more inclusive environments where children and families truly feel welcomed and thrive.



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PROGRAM



7:30

Registration, Coffee on Arrival, Exhibition

8:15

Welcome to Country

Conference Opening

Welcome | Tina Holtom, CEO Child Australia

8:50

Keynote Session 1



Jennifer Jefferies

“Decompressing Stress”
How to Break the Stress Loop to Improve your Mental Health and Flourish



River View Ballroom

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9:45

Morning Tea & Exhibition



The Playground | Sports Lounge & Champion's Terrace

10:20

Keynote Session 2



Prof Selena Bartlett

“Growing Healthy Minds”
Protecting Children's Mental Health in a Digital Age



River View Ballroom

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11:15

Keynote Session 3



Nicole Talarico

“Can You Keep me Safer? Child Safety in our Every Day”



River View Ballroom

12:15

Lunch, Exhibition & Mingle



The Playground | Sports Lounge & Champion's Terrace

Interactive Workshops

13:30

RIVER VIEW BALLROOM 1



Michele Sampson

Berry Street Education Model
Early Years

“Can Young Children Self-Regulate?
Responding with Trauma-Informed
Strategies for the Early Years”

RIVER VIEW BALLROOM 2

Amanda Page, Bec Warr &
Kirsty Szklanga

Child Australia

“Authentic Engagement with
Families and Community:
Beyond the Survey”

RIVER VIEW BALLROOM 3

Hayley Christian

The Kids Research Institute
Australia

“The Play Active Program:
Enabling ECEC Educators and Directors
to Support Children's Energetic Play”

BLACK SWAN ROOM

Tim McDonald &
Lauren Trevis

The Y WA

“It is not school and I can do what I
want”: A Behaviour Programme for
OSHC Staff

CYGNET ROOM



Adam Christie

Adam Christie Consulting

“Documentation that Sparks:
Seeing Creativity and Imagination
in the Everyday”

VICTORY LOUNGE

Tash Treveton

Inspired EC

“Ensuring Infant and Toddler
Wellbeing”

14:30

Connie Borg & Fiona Rudkin

Child Australia

“Navigating Emotions Together:
The Role of Co-regulation”

Cath Fitzhardinge, Hannah Mushet
& Gill Howarth

Cath Fitz OT

“Hide & Seek:
Finding the Whole Child
through Play.”

Andrea Broughton &
Gee van der Watt

Early Childhood Outreach &
Neurominded

“Creating Neurodiversity Inclusive
Environments using SPACE”

Gina Courtney & Charlotte Hood

Edithvale Family & Children's Centre

“Consent for Empowerment:
Empowering Children through a
Lens of Respect and Consent”

Renee Chakaodza & Anjie Brook

The Y WA

“Integrating Play-based Learning with
Intentional Teaching”

Sylvia Arotin

Guide & Grow

“How to get Children to Listen”

15:20

Afternoon Tea & Exhibition



The Playground | Sports Lounge & Champion's Terrace

16:00

Gee Van der Watt &
Andrea Broughton

Neurominded &
Early Childhood Outreach

“Supporting Sensory Processing &
Self-regulation in ECEC”

Jo Edinger &
Caroline Moseley

Wesley College Junior School

“Exploring Nature and Culture
through Kebakoort:
Nurturing Environmental
Stewardship in Early Childhood”

Lucy Murrell &
Daisy Ramsden

Abundant Education

“Heart-Centred Leadership:
Redefining Relationships in
Education”

Kelly Oldfield

Filit Pty Ltd

“Adapting Practices and Identifying
Behaviour Influences on Reduce
Challenging Behaviours”

Angela Dudley &
Kerrie Cunning

Wanslea

“Developmental Concerns:
Starting the Conversation”

Adrian Pattra-McLean

Farran Street Education

“See Me Beautiful:
Cultivating Character Strengths in
Educators and Children”

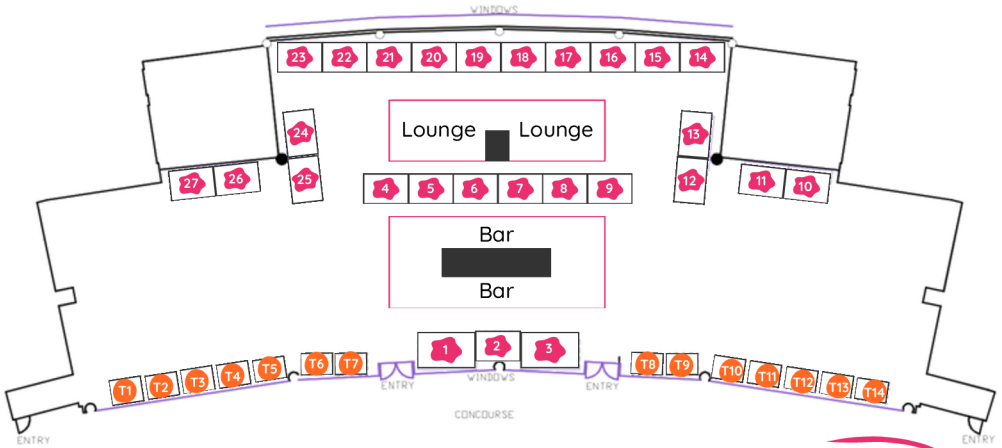
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Sundowner



Champion's Terrace

SPORTS LOUNGE



1-2 Child Australia


3 Awe & Wonder


4 Hart Sport


5 The Y WA


6 FILIT


7 Carewest


8 1Place


9 Xplor


10-11 Step 4


12 Atlantis Early Learning


13 Inklings


14 Education National


15 MercyCare


16 Skillbuilders


17 CTAS Education


18 Macrosphere


19 Buttercups


20 ANZUK




21 Hesta


22 Training Unlimited


23 Ecomist


24 KinderPark


25 Educated by Nature


26 Department of Communities (ECRU)


27 G8 Education


THE PLAYGROUND

T1 WA Child Safety Services
 WA Child Safety Services
 Creating Safer Communities

T6 BB Recruitment




T2 Berry Street
 BERRY STREET
 EDUCATION MODEL
 Curriculum and Classroom Strategies


T7 Green House Education
 GREENHOUSE
 EDUCATION
 Nurture your ability, grow your career

T11 AIWT


T3 Department of Training & Workforce Development
 JOBS &
 SKILLS WA

T8 Goodstart


T12 LungSmart Team,
 Chronic Wet Cough Project


T4 Autism Association of WA


T9 eSafeKids

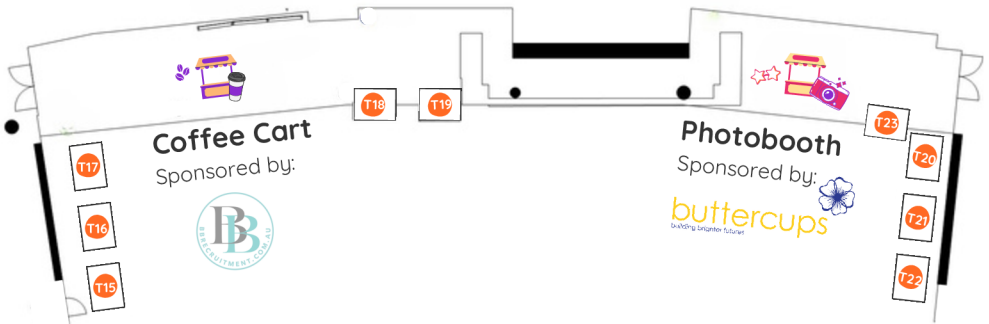

T13 Play Active


T5 Modern Teaching Aids


T10 Epilepsy WA


T14 Cancer Council WA


CHAMPIONS TERRACE



This way to the **Sports Lounge**

This way to the **River View Rooms**

T15 Mana



T18 Tedology


T21 WJS Training


T16 Meerilinga Training College


T19 Expect a Star


T22 Inspired EC


T17 Child Education Services


T20 Department of Home Affairs


T23 Edu Marking


ECLD WA SECTOR AWARDS



Did you know that last night we celebrated the WA Early Childhood Learning and Development Sector Awards?

The ECLD WA Sector Awards celebrate commitment, innovation and exceptional achievements of outstanding individuals and services shaping our sector.

Could next year be your time to shine?

Start thinking about nominating your centre, a colleague or even yourself for the 2026 ECLD WA Sector Awards! Reflect on the achievements and gather examples that showcase impact because **the 2026 nominations will open soon!**

THE AWARD CATEGORIES

-  Outstanding Early Childhood Educator
-  **FAMILY'S CHOICE** - Outstanding Educator
-  Excellence in ECEC Leadership
-  Excellence in Best Practice
-  Excellence in Outdoor Learning
-  Excellence in Supporting Child Development
-  Service Excellence in Partnerships with Families, Communities and Schools
-  Outstanding Commitment to Reconciliation & Cultural Responsiveness



TAKE A BREAK

L T Q O G I N C L U S I O N Y R L O
 C E H Y R Z L E M O T I O N S E N V
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Spot the following words:

1. Inclusion
2. Resilient
3. Wellbeing
4. Educator
5. Learning
6. Development
7. Emotions
8. Language
9. Children
10. Framework

Have your say and WIN by answering our Training Needs Analysis Survey

Help shape the future of early childhood professional development by completing our **Training Needs Analysis Survey!**

Your insights will guide us in developing professional learning that meets your needs.

All entries go into the draw to win:

4 winners of
\$250 CASH PRIZE

&

1 winner of
\$500 PD VOUCHER



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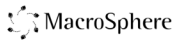
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ABOUT THE ORGANISER

Child Australia

Child Australia is a not for profit organisation providing quality initiatives and services to professionals, the community, parents and children since 1987. They support children's wellbeing, learning and development by empowering the people who work with them.

As a Not for Profit, Child Australia offers the following services:



Community Programs

Professional Development for educators

Early Learning Services

Conferences & Awards

Community Programs



Bagot Aboriginal Community Partnership Program (Bagot IAS)

improves community strategies focused on improving the outcomes of all Aboriginal residents of the Bagot Community.



West Pilbara Mobile Children's Service (WPMCS)

delivers a play-based learning program to socially and geographically isolated families in West Pilbara.



Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY)

is a 2-year home based early learning and parenting program in Geraldton and Hedland to support their child's school readiness.

Early Learning Services

Child Australia has been operating centres across the Northern Territory (NT) and Western Australia (WA) since 1987.



Conferences and Awards



Early Childhood Learning & Development Conference
Perth WA



Early Childhood Learning & Development Sector Awards
Perth WA



Little People Big Dreams Conference
Darwin NT

Sector Development Training and Support

Child Australia is a leading not for profit organisation at the forefront of supporting children and educator's learning, wellbeing and development across Australia with Sector Specialists currently located in WA and NT.

Child Australia has a team of Sector Specialists, who support education and care services' ongoing needs.



ONLINE LEARNING COURSES

✓ SELF-PACED COURSES

Made up of a variety of topics, participate and work through the materials in the way that best suits you and your lifestyle.

✓ ON-DEMAND WEBCASTS

1-hour On-Demand Webcasts that include current themes relevant to the sector.

FACE TO FACE PD SERVICES

✓ WORKSHOPS @ YOUR SERVICE

Customised 2-hour workshops that give you a comprehensive understanding of standards, frameworks and research delivered at your service.

✓ WORKSHOPS @ CHILD AUSTRALIA

Held at our head office in Belmont around a variety of topics, generally covering those bigger topics that you need more than 2 hours to unpack.

MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

✓ CONSULTANCY

Address key objectives and topics outlined by you and your service

✓ A & R SUPPORT

Supporting services to prepare for Assessment and Rating

✓ MENTORING

One-on-one support designed to help educators unpack key issues

✓ NEW SERVICE SUPPORT

Providing guidance and support in preparation to submit a new Service Approval application

✓ COMPLIANCE

Providing solutions to ensure a strong compliance focus



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View our PD opportunities!

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[in @childaustralia](https://www.linkedin.com/company/childaustralia)

Come and check us out @ our ECLD booth!

Grab a cookie, have a chat and get the chance to **WIN**

Drop by the **Sports Lounge, Booth #1** and you might be one of the lucky winners!

PD Workshop

1x PD workshop for your service (up to 30 people) valued at \$600

- Perth Metro: Face to face delivery
- Regional/Remote: Online delivery

Online Learning Courses

For your whole team valued at \$750

- 10x "Supporting Escalation and De-escalation" Webcast
- 10x "Supervision Awareness" Webcast



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Scan the QR Code, like our featured post and be in it to win 2 Online Learning Courses for 10 of your team members!



OPTUS STADIUM MAP

Gate C

Stairs to Gate C



Take the stairs or elevator to access Level 2 Breakout Rooms



River View Room 3



River View Room 2



River View Room 1



Entry & Exit

Information Desk



Champions Terrace

Sports Lounge



Stairs to Gate D

Gate D



Victory Lounge



Blackswan Room



Cygnet Room



Gate B

MAP LEGEND

Level 3

Information Desk

Champions Terrace

- The Playground
- Morning & Afternoon Tea, Lunch
- Coffee Cart
- Photobooth
- Sundowner

Sports Lounge

- The Playground
- Morning & Afternoon Tea, Lunch

River View Rooms 1, 2, 3

Level 2

Cygnet Room

Blackswan Room

Victory Lounge

Access

- Stairs
- Elevator
- Parking

Tick here



BARISTA-MADE COFFEE COUPON

FREE 1 Cup of Coffee

Champions Terrace, available during breaks



Limited to one cup per person, available while supplies last.

If you do not want coffee but would like the reusable cup, you can collect one from the Information Desk during breaks.