Communities for Children

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Providing Optimal Outcomes for Families and Communities through Prevention and Early Intervention

**National Agenda for Early Childhood** – using communities & NGOs as a platform for change

**Communities for Children** – a new model for engaging communities in policy development and program delivery at a national level
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A new way for Government to engage communities:

- Place based
- Community driven
- Building community capacity
- Top-down and bottom-up
- Collaborative governance
Engaging Communities

The Australian Government collaborates with a range of stakeholders to solve social and economic problems…

Prime Minister John Howard

- Non-Government Sector
- Families and Communities
- Business
- Researchers and Academics
- State, Territory and Local Government
Additional Information