



# Communities for Children

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# Australian Government Policy

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



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# 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



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# Additional Information

[www.facs.gov.au/sfcs](http://www.facs.gov.au/sfcs)



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