



# Communities for Children - Child and Family Alliance

*Working together for children*

## **What is Child and Family Alliance?**

The Alliance is a network of representatives and residents committed to making life the best it can be for children before school age and their families. The Alliance will help people work together to build a fuller picture of the issues, and strengthen our ability to work with the most isolated families.

## **What are the benefits of joining the Alliance?**



- You can expand your vision by sharing local knowledge and practice wisdom
  - Build links with others for holistic support for families
  - Work with others to create a vision for the community
  - Develop relevant responses to the community's needs.
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- Make a strong case together to advocate for the local needs of children
  - Increase your skills through local training in areas such as multicultural awareness, neighbourhood work, early intervention and early childhood development



### ***How will the community benefit?***

- Increasing the ability of agencies, groups and residents to build community capacity
- A network that solves local problems together
- A network able to invest their own resources and secure support from wider sources for the benefit of children



### ***Why is this important?***

Recent research suggests that the way to ensure better outcomes for children is through a comprehensive, coordinated service system response. The separate silos of health, mental health, education and welfare need to be bridged at the policy creation, program development and service delivery level. Greater coordination and collaboration between services and programs is required.

Research has also suggested that we recognize the meaning and value of local knowledge about community networks and processes. We can develop skills to enhance, negotiate and mediate different interests along with developing community practice skills with local community members and learn from our combined experience.

### ***How do you get involved?***

If you want to participate in the Alliance meetings or would like more information please contact:

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