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This newsletter will provide an update on:

- The Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) program reform
- New funding arrangements for the TEI program
- 2017 NSW Triple P Practitioners Forum

Targeted Earlier Intervention Reform

The TEI program reform will consolidate the following six existing targeted early intervention programs into a single cohesive service system:

- Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy
- Child, Youth and Family Support
- Community Builders
- Families NSW
- Getting it Together
- Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

With a focus on earlier intervention, the TEI program provides targeted services at the point where they can have the most impact - early in life and early in need. The vision for the TEI program is that:

- Families, children and young people's needs are met early to prevent the escalation of need.
- Families are able to access support earlier in the lives of their children and young people, and are empowered to live independent, meaningful lives.

- Risk factors that lead to child abuse and neglect and domestic family violence are addressed earlier.
- Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities have access to effective, accessible and culturally safe support services.

The target group for the new TEI program is vulnerable children, young people, families and communities. Within this broad target group, there are three priority groups:

- Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities
- Children aged 0–3 years old
- Younger parents

We are currently in Phase 4 of the reform, **Service System Design and Planning** and we'll be working with FACS Districts and Peak organisations to help facilitate local service system design, to ensure that each District's services are targeted to the unique needs of its local population.

New Funding Arrangements

The Minister for Family and Community Services has approved three year funding arrangements for TEI service providers commencing from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020. Under the new funding arrangements providers will be required to continue to work with FACS to implement TEI service reforms.

This will provide funding certainty for providers and ensure ongoing service delivery for clients, whilst allowing time for completion of the TEI reform local planning phase, and implementation of the locally developed service models.

A TEI Sector Assistance Strategy is currently being developed with Peak organisations to enable service providers to effectively and confidently transition to the new TEI program.

A letter from the Minister, together with key TEI program reform information, has been sent to all existing service providers currently funded through the following programs:

- Families NSW
- Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy
- Triple P
- Child Youth and Family Support
- Getting It Together
- Community Builders

These documents strongly encourage a local reference group to be established in each district to ensure local services and needs are included throughout the whole planning process. These groups will also provide a forum for service providers to clarify any issues of concern locally.

Important Information now available on FACS website

A range of Factsheets and other key material on the TEI program is now available on the FACS website through the [TEI webpage](#).

2017 NSW Triple P Practitioners Forum

Registrations for the 2017 NSW Triple P Practitioners Forum have opened. The program includes workshops, seminars and presentations from Triple P International and leading experts from the field to explore a variety of topics to offer practitioners the opportunity to:

- Increase their ability to work with hard to reach families
- Improve their ability to attract, engage and retain parents in the program
- Apply knowledge and skills in Triple P with confidence
- Understand new approaches and strategies in Triple P practice.

Evidence shows that quality of parenting is critical to the healthy development and wellbeing of children, young people and families. FACS is committed to providing parenting supports through a flexible and evidence informed system that delivers programs and activities that are responsive to clients needs.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to attend the forum as places are limited and sure to fill up fast.

Register today to secure your place by heading to <http://fwtdp.org.au/>.

More information

For more information about this reform visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/teiprogramreform or email the FACS Families and Place branch at TEIReform@facs.nsw.gov.au.

Questions and Answers

Q&As are available on the [FACS](#) and [Community Services](#) websites.

As always please email any comments or questions to TEIReform@facs.nsw.gov.au