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In this edition of the TEI Program Reform newsletter we will be looking at TEI programs re-contracting from 1 July 2017, and the TEI transition process.

TEI Re-Contracting

In March 2017, the Minister for Family and Community services announced the provision of three year funding arrangements for all current TEI service providers, commencing 1 July 2017, until 30 June 2020, for service providers funded under the following programs:

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

What happens from 1 July 2017?

- Service providers will be operating under the same Program Level Agreement (PLA) they have been operating under, in the same program, from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. Service providers will then move across onto a TEI PLA from 1 July 2018 through to 30 June 2020.
- PLAs will however contain a number of Special Conditions.
- Service providers will continue to receive the same funding as they have historically done, including any relevant indexation, over the three year period of the contract.
- Data collection will continue for service providers as it previously has under their existing program until 30 June 2018, when the new TEI data collection will commence.
- Service providers will be required to negotiate a transition plan with their FACS district by 30 June 2018

TEI Special Conditions

A summary of the Special Conditions can be found below, the list is only a summary outline and service providers are encouraged to review their PLAs if they wish to learn more.

Special Conditions include:

- Requirements to participate in local planning
- A clause stipulating that the PLA will likely transition to a TEI specific PLA on 1 July 2018
- Service providers will need to negotiate a TEI transition plan by 30 June 2018
- Service providers will need to agree to collect data under the new TEI data collection from 1 July 2018.

The transition period

In accordance with the Special Conditions, all service providers will be required to transition to the new TEI program, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2020, with the new TEI program commencing 1 July 2018.

FACS districts will work to support service providers through this process through the development of transition plans. Transition plans will be developed in coordination with service providers and will identify what changes services will need to make in order to properly align with the new TEI program, these may include but are not limited to: changes in the particular services offered; changes in the service location; or changes in cohorts that services are targeted to.

The transition plan will also work to identify what kind of supports the service provider will need so FACS can facilitate a smooth transition process, assisting service providers to retain quality service delivery through this period of change.

The TEI Sector Assistance Strategy will be in place to support providers to undertake this transition process.

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