



Some of the intended outcomes of the project:

- ◇ Presence of strong and sustainable safety net, for young children and families for timely prevention and early intervention.
- ◇ Enhanced knowledge about services available in the region, and ways to access those services amongst service providers and families with young children.
- ◇ Networks have adequate representation from government and non-government services and disadvantaged community groups.
- ◇ The service network has enhanced collaboration, training and networking opportunities.
- ◇ The Service Network has a common pool of resources for sharing

“Research indicates that early intervention and prevention services have the greatest impact when they address a broad range of issues as a part of a co-ordinated network “

Loeber and Farrington, 1998
Wilson and Dunne, 1998

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Families NSW is the NSW Government's prevention and early intervention strategy to help parents give their children a good start in life.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

Families NSW is a co-ordinated strategy sponsored by the NSW Government to increase the effectiveness of prevention and early intervention services in helping families to raise healthy and well adjusted children. This program is delivered jointly by five Government agencies – NSW Health and Area Health Services, Community Services, Education and Training, Housing and Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

Families NSW implementation in Northern Sydney began in late 2002. The Northern Sydney Families NSW 2003-06 Area Plan included strategies aimed at developing service networks across the region to support parents and carers raising children by providing a coordinated network of services that focus on prevention and early intervention support.

The Families NSW Regional Network Facilitation project is based on the recommendations made in the Northern Sydney sub-regional project reports. The project will act on the work done through the four sub-regional Projects in identifying and developing Interagency structures, appreciating that there may be a localised and tailored need approach for each sub-region addressing particular local community needs for Interagency networks.

AIM OF THE PROJECT

The Families NSW Regional Network Facilitation project is intended to enhance, support and develop sustainable Child (0-8yrs) and Family Services networks across the Northern Sydney region, and embed network processes in local agencies (Government and Non- Government Organisations). This can be achieved through the following:

- * dealing holistically with the needs of the families
- * providing co-ordinated support in collaboration with the family and with other agencies
- * providing better access to early support at the time families need it and in forms that are most helpful to them.
- * improving the way agencies work together to make sure families get the services and support they need.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The project will:

- ⇒ assist local Child and Family services to develop sustainable networks and practices which enhance co-ordination and planning.
- ⇒ promote the development of well co-ordinated, evidence based, accessible and relevant services by supporting local and regional networks of practice.
- ⇒ support the development of new partnerships that will be formed through these Networks and new key players will participate.
- ⇒ work with service providers and community planners responsible for planning and delivering services to families with children 0-8 years in the following sub-regions of Northern Sydney:
 - ◆ Northern Beaches (LGAs of Pittwater Warringah and Manly)
 - ◆ Lower North Shore (LGAs of Mosman, North Sydney, Lane Cove and Willoughby)
 - ◆ Ryde and Hunters Hill LGAs
 - ◆ Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai LGAs

LGA=Local Government Area