



# Yarra 0 to 25 Plan – Action Plan 2018/19

## 1. Strategic Priority

The diversity and uniqueness of children, young people and their families is welcomed and celebrated

Actions	Strategy	Council
1. Collaborate with relevant local organisations to improve service responsiveness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their families.	1.1	Facilitate/ Partner
2. Engage with representatives in culturally and linguistically diverse communities to support the planning, promotion and delivery of programs targeting children, young people and their families.	1.2	Facilitate/ Partner
3. Collaborate, consult and partner with stakeholder organisations to increase responsiveness of programs and services for GLBTIQ children, young people and their families.	1.3	Facilitate/ Partner
4. Participate in 'Free to Be Me' Gender Equity pilot project conducted by Access Health and Community at Yarraberg Children's Centre.	1.3	Facilitate/ Partner
5. Identify opportunities for children and young people to build a positive sense of identity through arts, music, sports and other relevant programs.	1.4	Plan/ Provide



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6. Undertake accessibility and inclusion audits of service settings across Family, Youth and Children’s Services facilities.	1.4	Provide
7. In partnership with Wurundjeri Council, develop and embed child friendly ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ in services and programs.	1.5	Facilitate/ Partner
8. Investigate the use of different forms of media to promote stories and achievements of children and young people from diverse cultural communities.	1.5	Provide
9. Family, Youth and Children’s Services to prepare an annual calendar of events that celebrates the diversity and uniqueness of children, young people and their families in Yarra.	1.5	Provide

## 2. Strategic Priority

**Support children, young people and their families to be strong, resilient and resourceful**

Actions	Strategy	Council
10. Continue to promote, support and model parent-child attachment and to identify and refer families showing poor attachment to relevant services and supports.	2.1	Provide



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11. Deliver relevant parent education programs that target the needs of all families.	2.2	Provide
12. Provide opportunities for family social events in children’s service settings.	2.2	Provide
13. Investigate intergenerational programs and initiatives that strengthen community connections between children, young people and older people.	2.2	Plan
14. Investigate opportunities to partner with schools in offering relevant initiatives or programs that seek to strengthen family connections important to the health and wellbeing of children and young people	2.2	Plan
15. Continue to encourage and support families to read, sing and rhyme with their babies and children.	2.3	Provide
16. Continue to engage parents in the work of Yarra Youth Services and raise awareness and understanding of local youth services.	2.3	Provide
17. Continue to link vulnerable children, young people and their families requiring additional support to appropriate services such as Enhanced Maternal and Child Health, Family Support and Smalltalk.	2.4	Provide



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## 3. Strategic Priority

Services for children, young people and their families are coordinated, responsive and evidence based

Actions	Strategy	Council
18. Investigate areas of identified need in the Australian Early Development Census and other relevant data to improve service responsiveness.	3.1	Plan
19. Enhance utilisation of 'Patchwork' (online service coordination tool).	3.2	Facilitate/ Partner
20. Coordinate delivery of council programs and activities for children and young people across school holidays to provide better services.	3.2	Facilitate/ Partner
21. Improve capacity of Council's centralised waitlist system to include more external long day care and kindergarten services.	3.2	Provide
22. Council to provide leadership in promoting take up of 'Kids Matter' training across the Early Years' service sector in Yarra.	3.3	Advocate
23. Continue to deliver and enhance early years' services conferences, case coordination and Yarra Youth Providers network.	3.3	Provide



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24. Continue to provide specialist training in family violence to frontline staff on the identification and response to family violence.	3.3	Provide
25. Collect, collate and review data to support evaluation.	3.4	Plan
26. Continue to provide programs that are evidence based.	3.4	Provide

## 4. Strategic Priority

**Improve participation of children, young people and their families in learning, employment, education and training**

Actions	Strategy	Council
27. Review Council’s kindergarten service model to support participation in the program.	4.1	Plan
28. Identify the barriers to participation in kindergarten and develop local responses.	4.1	Plan
29. Encourage and provide early identification, appropriate intervention and referral for children with additional needs.	4.2	Provide



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Actions	Strategy	Council
30. Continue to encourage community grants that support improved learning outcomes for children and young people.	4.2	Advocate Provide
31. Partner with schools, Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network (INLLEN) and other relevant agencies to support young people’s engagement with education, training and employment	4.4	Facilitate/ Partner
32. Utilise and promote resources developed as part of the ‘Joining the Dots’ project to inform successful transition to school for children and young people.	4.4	Provide
33. Continue the delivery of Experience Yarra program to provide work experience opportunities for young people across Yarra.	4.4	Provide
34. Support programs that improve transition practice in Yarra for children and young people.	4.4	Facilitate / Partner
35. Continue to deliver a range of life skills and mentoring programs.	4.4	Provide
36. Investigate ‘school exclusion’ in Yarra to identify strategies that support young people to re-engage with school.	4.5	Advocate Plan
37. Continue to provide paid employment opportunities for young people in Yarra Youth Services.	4.5	Provide



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Actions	Strategy	Council
38. Investigate provision of traineeships at Council for young people and parents.	4.5	Plan
39. Continue to participate in and support regional youth employment initiatives.	4.5	Facilitate/ Partner
40. In partnership with BSL pilot a project targeting vulnerable parents seeking access to employment, education and training at the Connie Benn Centre.	4.5	Plan Provide

## 5. Strategic Priority

### Improve the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families

Actions	Strategy	Council
41. Continue to promote positive early home learning environment for babies and children through provision of information, modelling and in-home support.	5.1	Provide
42. Continue to support mothers experiencing perinatal anxiety and depression through the provision of evidence-based parent information and support program ('Mother's Matter Too') and other relevant specialist support services.	5.1	Provide



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Actions	Strategy	Council
43. Continue to promote and support breastfeeding for all babies including piloting specialist breastfeeding clinic.	5.1	Provide
44. Support the development and delivery of initiatives that promote increased physical activity for children, young people and their families.	5.2	Facilitate/ Partner
45. Pilot initiatives that increase participation of children and young people up to 14 years old in leisure programs.	5.2	Provide
46. Promote family friendly information resources on age-appropriate physical activities.	5.2	Provide
47. Continue to promote unstructured and/or incidental outdoor play.	5.2	Provide
48. Advocate to the Victorian Department of Education and Training to facilitate access to school facilities after hours.	5.2	Advocate
49. Promote healthy eating in simple and consistent messages to children, young people and their families.	5.2	Provide
50. Provide culturally sensitive sexual health program, information and referral for young people.	5.2	Provide



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Actions	Strategy	Council
51. Continue to deliver SMART generation in schools to reduce underage alcohol use.	5.2	Facilitate / Partner
52. Continue to identify and refer children or families who are experiencing physical and mental health issues to appropriate services and supports.	5.2	Provide
53. Improve partnerships with key stakeholders to raise awareness of mental health.	5.3	Facilitate/ Partner
54. Promote safe use of online platforms for children, young people and their families.	5.4	Advocate
55. Continue to support children's safety by identification, support, referral and/or notification of abuse or neglect	5.4	Provide
56. Investigate the piloting of family violence prevention programs or initiatives.	5.4	Plan



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## 6. Strategic Priority

Strengthen inclusive and engaged communities through promoting participation of children, young people and their families.

Actions	Strategy	Council
57. Improve information navigation on Council's public website.	6.1	Provide
58. Continue to develop online parent portal.	6.1	Provide
59. Seek to include information about transition from kindergarten to school in the parent portal (centralised wait list)	6.1	Plan
60. Investigate use of social media to improve access to information for children, young people and their families.	6.1	Plan
61. Continue to provide opportunities for babies, children and their families to participate in playgroups.	6.1	Provide
62. Support community or neighbourhood based events that foster links between children, young people and their families.	6.1	Facilitate / Partner
63. Continue to provide youth led grants program through Council's Annual Grants Program.	6.2	Provide



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Actions	Strategy	Council
64. Continue to implement youth participation model to inform our work with young people.	6.3	Provide
65. Investigate opportunities for children, young people and their families to be involved in the planning and delivery of community based activities and events.	6.3	Plan
66. In partnership with children and young people, investigate opportunities to promote their civic participation.	6.3	Plan
67. Continue to support and develop the role of the Family Partnerships Committee, Yarra Youth Advisory Committee and the Early Years Reference Group.	6.3	Provide
68. Embed participation of children and young people in Council led community consultation.	6.3	Plan



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## 7. Strategic Priority

A child friendly city provides for everyone

Actions	Strategy	Council
69. Encourage design that promotes child friendly neighbourhoods.	7.1	Plan
70. Seek external funding and project partners to map safe cycling and pedestrian networks.	7.2	Plan Advocate
71. Work with relevant bicycle user organisations and training providers to promote bike safety and responsible cycling behaviour for children and young people.	7.2	Advocate
72. Embed participation of children and young people in relevant city planning consultation and decision making processes.	7.4	Plan