

5 ways to connect with the community

It is important when looking at community connections that you think about what is important to you and your community, and use this to guide your decisions to support 6.2.3.



Support local businesses

By researching ways to source your resources or consumables from local businesses this is a great way to give back to the local community and form relationships with small businesses. These businesses may then be able to support the service in different ways through the relationships.



Utilise local services

Many services use services such as sports coaches, shows for the children, maintenance etc. By finding local ways to include these in the service you are not only supporting local businesses but also forming relationships with the local community that families can continue with their own decisions.



Participate in local charities and events

When looking at which charities or events are important within the service you can look at which ones the local community value. You may also join in with community organised events through donating time, raising money for them, donating items, or even simply attending them on behalf of the service.



Utilise local spaces

Getting out and about in the community is a great way to form relationships. See what spaces are on offer within your community that align with your program, philosophy and the children's interests e.g. schools (perhaps during holidays), community gardens, libraries, parks, aged care facilities etc.



Learn from local experts

When children are interested in particular topics, you have a professional development need, or are looking at celebrating a particular event, you can utilise community experts to support this through sharing their knowledge and skills with the service either directly with the children or via the educators.