

# The benefits of contextualised practice

Often there is a lot of peer pressure to do what other services do as it seems to be working for them. Contextualising your practices for your service is much more beneficial and supports higher quality practices.



## Embedding NQS

If you work within the needs of your context then you get to demonstrate how you embed a number of NQS elements as it shows how you are responsive to your own unique needs and situation. It also allows you to better understand the NQS as you run decisions through it.



## Critical reflection evidence

Instead of seeing something in another service or online and thinking you need to do that too, this approach allows you to reflect on every decision that is not a requirement. Is it right for us? Does it meet our needs? Do we have the capacity to do this? Is this a priority for us at the moment?



## Connections to stakeholders

The more you work within your context the more you get to know your stakeholders as your decisions align with their needs. You are not making decisions based on generic stakeholders but instead individualising decisions based on your children, families, educators and community.



## Knowing the WHY

When you don't contextualise your practices you can end up doing a lot of things 'because I thought we had to'. However if you contextualise based on stakeholders and reflect on each decision this means everyone of your practices will have a very specific WHY that everyone knows.



## Keeps the service on target

There can be pressure to 'keep up with the Joneses' by copying what others are doing in their service, but this often leads to zig zagging all over the place with constant changes in focus. Contextualising your practices allows you to stay on a set path that's right for you.