

Access to Early Learning (AEL) program

Melton City council



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Access to Early Learning (AEL) is an early intervention program for three-year-old children from families with complex needs. It aims to make sure that three-year-old children that meet AEL eligibility criteria get the full benefits of attending a quality kindergarten program.

Support areas

AEL facilitators:

- Help children to access 15 hours per week of quality three-year-old kindergarten programs at low cost or no cost.
- Help families to find ways to support children to attend kindergarten regularly.
- Visit families at home to help parents and carers with activities to build on what their child is learning at kindergarten.
- Provide mentoring and professional learning for educators who support eligible children in the local service system.

Eligibility Criteria

Children are eligible if they are referred by:

- an Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Service
- family services
- the Orange Door or Child Protection

Children must be aged three by 30 April to participate in a program for the calendar year.

Services will refer children with two or more complex needs, including:

- contact with Child Protection
- child/parent with intellectual or physical disability
- family violence
- mental health concerns
- sexual assault
- alcohol and/or drug abuse.

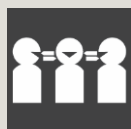
For more information or to make a referral:

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Please note: An interpreter service can be booked as required.



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