



Family Hubs Practice Framework Project

Phase 1: Landscape Summary of Queensland Hubs

Hubs aimed at providing seamless support are one place-based model of integrated service delivery receiving increasing interest, resourcing and research attention, with positive outcomes noted across a range of child and family settings and populations¹. The Family Hubs Practice Framework project was funded and coordinated by Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership to inform the design, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based family hubs in the Queensland context, and possibly beyond. The project complemented and amplified the activities of the National Child and Family Hubs Network, and was guided by a cross-sectoral Sponsor Group through to project completion in February 2024.

Phase One of the project scoped the sites across Queensland (as of June – July 2023, with a high-level update in February 2024) that may be engaged in family hubs or related place-based work. This information was obtained from a range of sources, including accessing the mapping previously undertaken by Social Ventures Australia, seeking out key governing bodies, and discussions with those engaged directly in hub-based service delivery. A total of **308 sites** were identified.

The TQKP Landscape Summary - QLD Sites provides an overview of the sites under different funding models. These were categorised below, with the number of hubs in each also noted. All items underlined are hyperlinked if a website is available.

 **Neighbourhood Centre Program - NCP**: Neighbourhood and community centres funded under the Queensland Government's Neighbourhood Centre Program provide friendly, localised access to individual, family and community services and tangible supports. Mapping identified **127 sites**.

 **Early Years Place - EYP**: EYPs are 'one-stop-shops' where families can access multiple services, or referrals to specialist services, for their children and themselves. Department of Education funds EYPs to support families with children aged from birth to 8 years of age and are place-based, responding to the needs of the local community. Mapping identified **55 sites**.

 **Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation - ACCHO**: ACCHOs are not-for-profit organisations controlled by their local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that provide comprehensive primary health care. Mapping identified **34 sites**.

 **Community Hubs Australia - CHA**: CHA hubs provide a local place-based, holistic approach to engage with and support the whole family, offering early learning programs; building social networks; providing access to services; and creating pathways to education, training and employment. Mapping identified **22 sites**.

 **Connected Beginnings**: Connected Beginnings is a federal place-based grant program that is community-owned and led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to increase their child and family engagement with health and early childhood education and care services and supports. Mapping identified **10 sites**.

 **Pathways for Early Learning and Development - PELD**: PELD is a cross-government initiative aimed at providing vulnerable children aged birth to five years and their families with the education, learning and development support they need to transition into approved early childhood education and care (ECEC) services. Mapping identified **9 sites**.

¹ Honisett S. et al. (2023). *Child and family hubs: an important 'front door' for equitable support for families across Australia*. National Child and Family Hubs Network. <https://doi.org/10.25374/MCRI.22031951>



Family Support: Family support was identified across many sites. However, it is seen as a function within the sites; and may draw on a variety of State or Federal funding packages. Mapping identified **8 sites**.

Communities for Children - CfC: CfC is a federal program that utilises partners with a facilitation role in their local communities to build on local strengths to meet the needs of local children, families and communities, and create capability within local service systems through collaborative efforts to provide holistic local supports with a focus on early intervention and prevention. Mapping identified **7 sites**.

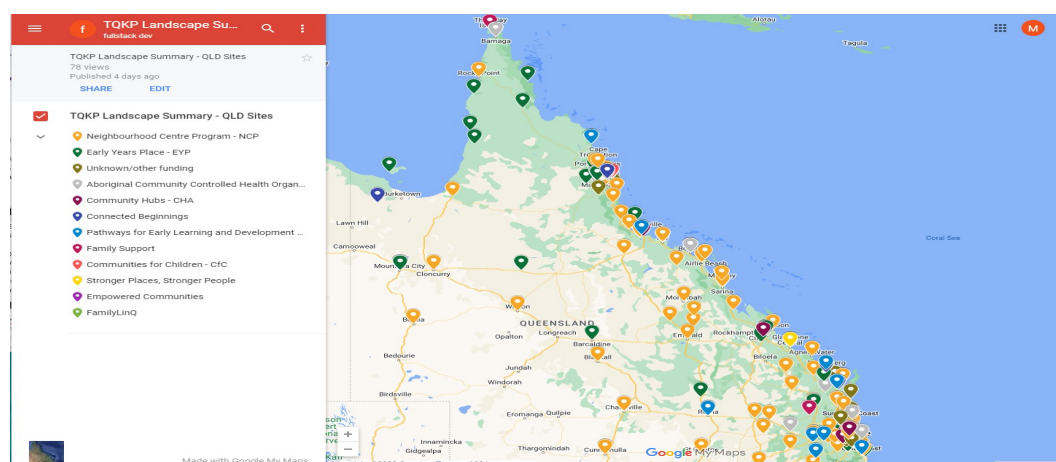
Stronger Places, Stronger People - SPSP: This collective impact initiative is designed to utilise system levers and planned service integration to create relevant responses to community issues and involve community in all stages of planning and decisions, with a clear goal the whole community is working towards in 'joined up' ways. Mapping identified **3 sites** in Queensland - Logan City; Gladstone and Rockhampton.

FamilyLinQ: This collaboration between The Bryan Foundation and Department of Education aims to enhance life outcomes of primary-school aged children and their families by bringing together early years learning, education, wrap-around health and community services under one roof. The Kingston State School FamilyLinQ hub opened in August 2024, with a second site at Corymbia State School to open in 2025.

Empowered Communities: The Empowered Communities program operates in ten regions across urban, regional and rural Australia to facilitate place-based community development to help fulfil an Indigenous empowerment agenda. Cape York Partnership is the only Empowering Communities site in Queensland. It supports **10 entities** working with the people of **Cape York and Cairns** to break cycles of disadvantage by creating pathways to all forms of education, meaningful employment, leadership opportunities, cultural preservation and healthcare.

Map instructions

- Zoom in (especially in higher density areas) to find specific sites.
- Please note there are several sites that represent more than one funding category. You can see this information in the left menu (click the down arrow). However, the current Map version doesn't yet have the functionality to display sites with more than one hub on-site.
- There are some (< 10) inaccurate or approximate site addresses. Where exact addresses were not able to be accessed, an approximate location is identified. Some locations point to the organisation's local office.



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