

Appendix 1. Family Support Program (FaHCSIA) outcomes

FSP outcomes

All FSP services work towards providing integrated services for families, particularly vulnerable and disadvantaged families, to improve child wellbeing and development, safety and family functioning.

To achieve this, the following five outcomes are relevant to the FSP:

- Families function well in nurturing and safe environments
- Children and families have the knowledge and skills for life and learning
- Families, including children, especially those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged, benefit from better social inclusion and reduced disadvantage
- Organisations provide integrated services and work in collaboration with other services and the community
- Services focus on vulnerable and disadvantaged families and children

FaHCSIA also specifies other outcomes by service:

1. Family and Children's Services

- to improve child wellbeing and development, safety and family functioning and to help build stronger, more resilient families and communities
- to improve family functioning, safety and child wellbeing and development
- to develop social support networks
- to develop effective parenting skills, self-esteem and confidence

2. Indigenous Parenting Services

- to enhance the wellbeing of children
- to build culturally strong parenting skills and stronger, more sustainable Indigenous families and communities
- to address social, cultural, personal, historical, and financial and health factors that can present barriers to effective parenting

3. Community Playgroups

- to develop child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills

4. Specialist Services

a) Specialised Family Violence Services

- to provide support

b) Family Law Services

- child wellbeing after/during separation/divorce
- better parental conflict management

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c) Indigenous Family Safety

- to reduce alcohol related family violence
- to reduce incidents of violence through more effective policing
- to strengthen social norms against violence
- to improve coordination of support services to aid the recovery of people who experience or witness violence

Note. The information above was adapted from FSP documentation.