

# Partnering with Parents

Building quality relationships that benefit children

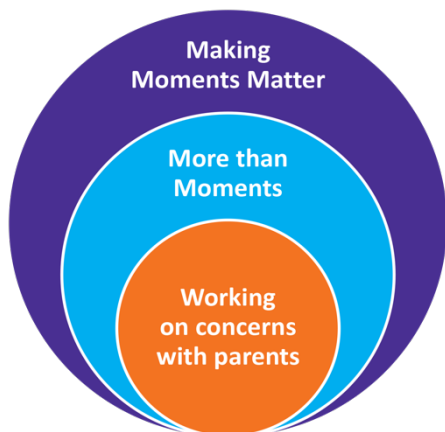
## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*Partnering with Parents* is an innovative practice support system designed to assist early childhood educators in their work with parents using essential and practical skills, tools and strategies.

The content is evidence-informed, designed with early childhood experts, and addresses areas that early childhood educators have reported they need more support in. It keeps in mind an educator's busy work environment and competing priorities.

Three components make up the *Partnering with Parents* support system:

- **Making Moments Matter:** Resources for the whole of the centre and strategies to guide everyday interactions with parents, children and each other.
- **More than Moments:** Helps focus on engaging with parents when raising or responding to a concern about a child. Includes innovative interactive videos to guide educators through common scenarios, with examples of how to address sensitive issues with parents.
- **Working on concerns with parents:** Specially designed for staff working with a parent on a more complex issue or concern for an extended session or multiple sessions. It is a consultation model with step-by-step guidance.



## WHAT DOES TRAINING INVOLVE?

PRC provides all training for *Partnering with Parents*. Each centre nominates staff to act as 'practice coaches' for *Partnering with Parents*. These should be senior staff (e.g. kindergarten teachers, room leaders, educational leaders, management) who can provide day-by-day and on-the-job coaching support to other staff.

Successful implementation of *Partnering with Parents* relies on practice coaches within each service supporting and leading their team through a 10-week schedule that introduces key concepts and strategies.

Practice coaches are supported to embed *Partnering with Parents* within their service through the following interactions:

- A set of online learning tasks that introduce the components of the system, provide simulated filmed examples of parent-educator interactions and test knowledge with short quizzes
- A half-day face-to-face group training session, which focusses on Making Moments Matter and day-by-day coaching
- Two group phone consultations (in weeks 1 and 4) and up to three individual or small group phone consultations (weeks 7-10)
- Further training via three webinars (in weeks 2, 3, and 5), which focus on More than Moments and just-in-time coaching, along with Working on concerns with parents
- Ongoing access to the *Partnering with Parents* online portal, which houses all materials, videos and online training in the approach.

## MORE INFORMATION

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Learn more about the PRC and the background to *Partnering with Parents* on our website [www.parentingrc.org.au](http://www.parentingrc.org.au)

