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BACKING YOUNG PARENTS

Roadmap Alignment : Ready to Have Kids

Why it's important – Pregnant and parenting young people under 19 years of age need strong connections to health, social, and other supports, for them and their children to flourish. Research shows that many young parents do not have strong access to support and resources. Young women who are pregnant and parenting often report feelings of isolation, and increased connection in the community can foster a sense of belonging which is essential to individual and family wellbeing. It will also enable young parents to access the support they need.

Aim of the project – To ensure that young parents in Logan feel empowered to build their own positive, supportive village to help them achieve the best outcomes for themselves and their children, and have the knowledge, confidence and capabilities to raise their children strong. There are many services available, but often messages do not reach younger parents as there may be additional challenges when it comes to engaging with them. We need to find the best ways to connect with vulnerable pregnant young women and early parents in Logan – preferably making the first connection early in the antenatal period – and ensuring they are connected with resources which can support them through their parenting journey.

Where we're at – Logan Together Backbone's Community Engagement Team is reaching out to young parents across the city and aligning it to data around what we already know about young parents in Logan. Future planning may also include a citywide event (or multiple events) to bring together young parents and capture their voices and aspirations.

