

2019 PROJECTS DRIVEN BY



ON TRACK AT 5 YEARS

PROJECT: GOING TO KINDY

Roadmap Alignment: On Track at 5

Why it's important – Research shows that children who attend Kindy are better prepared for school than those who begin Prep without any early learning experience. An approved Kindy program delivers an expertly designed curriculum to build the child's social, cognitive and physical skills so that they are well prepared for school. We want to make sure as many Logan kids as possible are getting the benefits of a Kindy education.

Aim of the project – Currently, fewer kids in Logan are attending Kindy than we would like – around half of Logan children do not regularly attend kindy. This project looks to reduce and resolve the range of barriers which may be preventing parents from sending their children to a good quality kindy. These could come down to awareness, transport, cost, cultural norms or any number of other issues. While we are limited in what we can do for some of these areas, there are a range of ways to engage with parents and seek to improve kindy attendance.

Partners involved – Communities for Children, Rosies Early Learning, Goodstart, C&K and other ECEC providers, ParentsNext providers, foster carer networks, community gateways and corporate partners.

Where we're at – Since 2017, Logan Together and partners have been delivering a Kindy enrolment support projects. Training for partners who work with parents in Kindy Conversations and the practical Kindy Guide, has been happening for more than 12 months with largely positive feedback. We are currently evaluating this process while continuing with Kindy Conversations across the city.

A cultural immersion kindy, born of community aspiration and launched in a partnership between Hosanna Logan City and Goodstart, has also seen its first class graduate and now has 22 enrolments. This project was designed to address a particular barrier for the Samoan community - concerns over their loss of culture when their little ones start Kindy.

Bendigo Bank have generously committed \$20,000 to fund Kindy Scholarships for families struggling to afford early education, for the 2019 and 2020 Kindy years.

