

YACSA – Child Development Council – Outcomes Framework 2019 - Transcript

Voice over (including footage of young people taking part in forums):

South Australia is developing an Outcomes Framework for children and young people from birth to 18 years to monitor, track and report the outcomes of children and young people in 5 dimensions, including health, safety, wellbeing, education and citizenship.

The Outcomes Framework will guide the South Australian Government's work for children and young people, and target policy, legislation, funding and services to inform a cooperative, whole-of-government approach to the setting of objectives or policies that effect children and young people.

The Minister for Education has instructed the Child Development Council to develop the Framework and consider feedback from children and young people, their parents, carers, families and others in SA.

Young person:

'I think it's important for young people to have a say in the decisions that affect them because the younger generation do have some pretty interesting things that they have to say and I believe that younger people being heard is very good.

They don't necessarily have to take what they say and take it to heart and do exactly what they say, but just taking their opinions and keeping them in the back of their mind, listening to other people, older [people], and then putting it all together and then just seeing what the best outcome of that is would probably be better. Because, yeah, young people being heard, it is certainly important.'

Voice over

The Youth Affairs Council of South Australia, or YACSA, the peak body representing young people aged 12-25 and the non-government youth sector worked in partnership with the Child Development Council to consult young people aged between 12 and 18 years.

YACSA hosted 6 forums of up to 2 hours to find out what young people need to have a good life.

In addition to their insights about the 5 dimensions, young people were clear that in order to have a good life, they need to have a good home life, be respected and valued, and have the support of trusted adults. They also need to be listened to and included in on decisions that affect them.

Young people have unique perspectives and make significant contributions to the community and when they are involved in decisions that affect them, policies, activities and services can be more effective and relevant.

When the Outcomes Framework is finalised and approved by the Minister, any services to children and young people in South Australia must be aligned with the Outcomes Framework.

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