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Every child and young person counts!

Respect & listening

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnership and engagement framework

This framework aims to guide and empower government department staff at all levels to build and strengthen culturally safe, responsive, and genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders. [More >](#)

Children's rights and democracy

Under-18s represent a third of the world's population but, unlike adults, most children have no direct say in the rules and laws that govern their lives or in deciding who gets to make them. [More >](#)

'Absolutely time' for SA Human Rights Act after committee recommendation

In a report tabled at the end of April, South Australian Parliament's Social Development Committee recommended that the government consolidate existing legislation into a comprehensive Human Rights Act. [More >](#)

Enjoying & achieving

Promoting child wellbeing through nature play

Evidence suggests that nature play supports children's social and emotional wellbeing and has various developmental benefits. The key features and benefits are summarised, as well as ways to engage children. [More >](#)

Using linked data to investigate earlier opportunities to support positive school transitions

About 21,000 SA children transition to school each year. Factors which predict types of transition and opportunities to provide earlier support and work collaboratively with government and non-government partners were identified. [More >](#)

Participation

Raising creative generations: A vision worth legislating

A new Bill aims to make SA the state where creativity and imagination isn't the exception, but the expectation for everyone, and especially for the young people who will shape what comes next. [More >](#)

How Young People Can Be Supported Through New Social Media Age Restrictions

Social media is not just entertainment; it plays a critical role in young people's sense of connection, identity, and mental wellbeing. [More >](#)

Prepared for adult life

Supporting young parents with an out-of-home care experience

Evidence suggests trauma-informed and therapeutic models of support can lead to better outcomes for young people with experience of out-of-home care who become parents, and who may have their children taken into care. [More >](#)

State-first 'Empowering African Youth' Program launches

The program, being delivered in six schools in the northern suburbs, aims to keep young African South Australian students connected to their heritage and values, while empowering them to deal with personal challenges and strive to reach their potential. [More >](#)

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Health & wellbeing

A Guide to Water and Early Childhood Development

Explore the many ways that water shapes development beginning before birth, including the importance of safe drinking water and the increasing impacts of extreme weather events, such as flooding. [More >](#)

How fathers' warm and responsive parenting can support child mental health

Fathers, like mothers, can influence the mental health and wellbeing of their children through their approach to parenting and the behaviours they demonstrate when interacting with their child. [More >](#)

A Guide to Toxic Stress

Learn how toxic stress, which can occur with excessive or prolonged activation of our stress response systems, can impact early childhood development and how we can address it. [More >](#)

Safe & nurtured

Why language matters: why professionals need to talk about child sexual abuse

Sometimes children need the adult working with them to explicitly recognise and openly talk about what is happening to them. It's never the responsibility of the child to come forward about their experience of abuse. [More >](#)

The \$231 million cost to Australian teenagers that's 'alarming and shocking'

Australians under the legal gambling age are losing a staggering \$18.4 million a year to gambling. It is not only widespread among teenagers, but is becoming normalised, according to researchers. [More >](#)