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## Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Activities Great Southern July 2023 – June 2024

Activity	Service Delivery Location	Contact Information	Description
<p><b>A Smart Start Great Southern</b></p> <p>Migrant CaLD Supported Playgroup</p> <p>Maori Pakeha Supported Playgroup</p> <p>Gnowangerup Facilitated Playgroup</p> <p>Katanning Facilitated Playgroup</p> <p>Children and Family Activities</p>	<p>Upper Great Southern</p>	<p>Contact A Smart Start for more information</p> <p>Call: 08 9821 6259</p> <p> Asmartartgreatsouthern</p> <p>E: asmartstart_gs2@outlook.com</p>	<p>A Smart Start deliver children and family activities across the Upper Great Southern responding to local community needs for example, Teddy Bears Picnics, Nature Play, Messy Play, and Kindergarten Readiness Days.</p> <p>Two Supported Playgroups delivered in Katanning to support the CaLD and Maori / Pakeha families of the community. The Supported Playgroups provides opportunities for socially isolated parents/carers and children to connect, socialise, play, be supported, learn English or practice cultural activities during playgroup.</p> <p>The Gnowangerup Facilitated Playgroup provides Kindy Readiness activities for families of Gnowangerup through an Early Years Facilitator at the Playgroup.</p> <p>The Katanning Facilitated Playgroup provides Kindy Readiness activities for families of Katanning through an Early Years Facilitator at the Playgroup.</p>
<p><b>Wanslea Family Services</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer Family Connect</b></p>	<p>Great Southern region</p>	<p>Contact Wanslea for more information</p> <p>Call: 08 9843 0077</p> <p>E: vfc@wanslea.org.au</p>	<p>Volunteer Family Connect works by linking a trained volunteer with a local parent who has identified as needing extra support in their parenting role, ensuring that every child has a good beginning. Skilled and trained Volunteers can help parents adjust to a new baby, cope with multiple children, assist parents to overcome feelings of isolation and frustration, or help with many other factors that can overwhelm mums, dads and carers.</p>

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<b>Palmerston Association Inc</b> Parents Under Pressure	Upper and Lower Great Southern areas	Contact Palmerston for more information Upper GS: 9821 8306 Lower GS: 9892 2100	An Evidence Based Program, “Parents Under Pressure” provides intensive at home and community support to any family with children aged 0-8 years. This activity aims to improve parenting efficacy, improve family functioning and children feel safe and nurtured within their family environment.
<b>Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre</b> The Nest	Albany	Term Time 8 week program, Mondays  Call: 08 98 418 254   Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre Albany	The Nest is an evidenced informed weekly 2 hour, 8 week group program providing support to ‘at risk and vulnerable parents’ on a wide-range of parenting issues, including building self-esteem, attachment, child development and social connectedness. The program utilises Circle of Security principals. Creche is available.
<b>Wanslea Family Services</b>  Family Fun and Learning  Girls Group  Home Visiting Service	Shire of Plantagenet	Contact Wanslea Family Services for more information  Call: 08 9843 0077	Family Fun Learning Group supporting vulnerable families with therapeutic support, child development activities and service linkage.  The girl’s group is aimed at 10 to 12-year old’s in the community. Providing activities, knowledge, skills, and information based around the needs of this age group in a fun and interactive environment.  A Home Visiting Service is available for parents requiring extra support, please contact Wanslea for further information.
<b>YMCA</b> Play in the Park	Albany, Mt Barker Denmark, Ongerup, Cranbrook, Jerramungup	See Facebook page for more information  Call: 0898 421 457 or 0409 048 204   Play in the Park, Great Southern WA	YMCA Play in the Park is a program for families with young children. Play in the Park encourages families who are socially isolated, vulnerable, aboriginal, culturally and linguistically diverse to attend. Play in the Park provides children with opportunities for socialisation, free play and developmental activities in a neutral and non-threatening setting.
<b>Kendenup P &amp; C</b> Kendenup Story Time	Kendenup	Fridays Term Time, 9am Call: Kendenup PS on 08 9851 4061	Story Time delivers early literacy, social and emotional skills, preparing children for Kindergarten. This program is for families with children aged 0-4 years and is delivered at Kendenup Primary School.
<b>Palmerston Drumbeat</b>	Upper Great Southern	Contact Palmerston Katanning office for more information  Call: 08 9821 8306	Palmerston Katanning deliver the Evidence Based Program, Drumbeat to families in the Katanning and surrounding districts. Drumbeat is a universal program but is aimed at supporting participants of primary school age to build self-esteem, confidence and social cohesion.

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<b>Shire of Kojonup</b> Play Café	Kojonup	Wednesdays during school Term 9.30am – 11.30am Call: 08 9831 2412  Shire of Kojonup	Kojonup Play Cafe program provides a safe, supportive, early year’s program for families with 0 – 4yo’s in the school setting. Educational opportunities will aim to improve early literacy and numeracy, develop social skills and build community connectedness for families. The Kojonup Play Café provides opportunities for parent information sessions/workshops for families of the community through the engagement of guest speakers and agency referrals relevant to family’s needs.
<b>Communities for Children Newsletter</b>	Great Southern	Email: <a href="mailto:cforc@amityhealth.com.au">Communities for Children cforc@amityhealth.com.au</a> Call: 08 9842 2797  Amity Health <a href="#">Communities for Children — Amity Health</a>	Amity Health publishes two newsletters; one for Families and one for Service Providers covering topics such as parenting information and resources, sector updates, training and activities in the Great Southern.
<b>Community Enrichment Grants</b> for communities	Great Southern	Email: <a href="mailto:cforc@amityhealth.com.au">Communities for Children cforc@amityhealth.com.au</a> Call: 08 9842 2797  Amity Health <a href="#">Communities for Children — Amity Health</a>	Community Enrichment Grants of up to \$1,000 for community groups, not for profit organisations to deliver activities to children and families. Contact CfC team to discuss your ideas and for more information and an application pack.

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