



Supporting children, young people and families in their time of need

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## For Families

Helping your child access and participate in kindergarten



# Sometimes parents/caregivers have worries:

- "I am worried about my child's development, they seem to be behind their peers"
- "when my child speaks, others have difficulty understanding what they are saying"
- "my child doesn't want to attend Kinder, when I leave they are upset"
- "my child chooses to play alone and doesn't talk about their friends at Kinder"
- "my child will hurt others when they are upset or anxious"
- "my child won't sit still to complete activities".

If you have any worries please speak to your child's teacher.



# Helping your child access and participate in kindergarten

The Preschool Field Officer program supports the access and meaningful participation of all children at Kindergarten.

#### The PSFO may be able to assist your child's teacher with:

- providing strategies and resources that are responsive to the individual needs of your child
- identifying and providing referral pathways that will support your child and family
- providing guidance on your child's school readiness and support their transition to school.

### With your consent, PSFO's will:

- speak with your child's teacher about their development, learning and participation at Kinder; and/or
- observe your child in their kindergarten setting.

Your child's teacher will have a conversation with you following our visit or consultation to share information or resources as needed.

