


**New possibilities for joint practice:
Strengthening families through
neighbourhood service systems**



Possibilities for new practice

Benefits for Service Providers


- Creating cultures that support specific groups within the community
- Fills service gaps
- Raises the profile of our work
- Sharing of knowledge and capacity
- Exposure and access to other research and service programs
e.g. Clowning Around
- Better understanding of local demographics –respond to demonstrated needs



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Benefits for Children and Families

- Decreasing isolation
- Increasing accessibility and affordability
- Creating diverse Hubs
- Services open on weekends
- Strengthen parents capacity to nurture
- Dissemination of up to date information
- Attract vulnerable families
- Improve transition to school and learning



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Benefit for Both

- Integrated services – e.g. libraries combined with preschools and childcare centres
- Capacity building
- Reduces financial stress (for services or service user)
- More input from families about what's working and not working
- Central location for services to get messages out to the larger community
- Message of the Plan becomes embedded in families and broader community awareness
- Having standardised measures for assessing children's needs

