ANONYMOUS 16946 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions

Vision
For all Australian children to
• experience safety, love and all of their basic needs being met (housing, healthcare, clean air & water, etc.)
• have access to universal, cost effective and quality early childhood education and care

Outcomes
Short term
• ensure families have access to appropriate support services to guarantee children experience safety, love and all of their basic needs being met (housing, healthcare, clean air & water, etc.)
• reassess current support services – are they working for families, i.e. Medicare
• assess the issues around providing quality early childhood education and care, i.e. lack of educators – why?, quality services – why not?, rising costs
Long term
• ensure support services are working together to support families in whatever ways they can – not working in silos causing trauma and disconnect
• training of more early childhood educators to fill the gaps and ensuring that wages are appropriate to the qualifications and job role
• having high expectations of quality early childhood services not just meeting but exceeding quality care – weed out those not performing to those expectations and support those who are.
• work towards reducing early childhood education and care costs through more subsidies – maybe make it performance based to improve quality

Policy Priorities
For all short term outcomes to have policy priorities as a starting point

Indicators
More families accessing and benefiting from support services
More children accessing and benefiting from healthcare services and early childhood education and care services
More early childhood educators providing high quality education and care to more children

Principles
Child and family centred
Listening to the child's voice and acting on it where necessary
Families only have to tell their story once and all relevant services will be employed
Inclusive practices are employed in all areas of support and service provision