

Other resources

The resources below can also be used in your communications with families.

Resource	Details
<u>Online Kindergarten Starting Age Calculator</u>	To help families find out what year they can start Three- and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten.
<u>Evidence factsheet: Two years of early childhood education – what the evidence says</u>	<p>To help build a shared understanding of the evidence and benefits underpinning the Best Start, Best Life reforms, a new evidence factsheet called <i>Two years of early childhood education – what the evidence says</i> was developed.</p> <p>This new resource includes evidence around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the learning potential for children in their early years during a crucial period of brain development • how 2 years of quality play-based learning can support children before starting school • the benefits of a longer program (30 hours) of play-based learning in the year before school • the cumulative impact of the Best Start, Best Life reforms. <p>You can find the evidence factsheet on the <u>Evidence behind 2 years and more time in kindergarten</u> webpage or directly at this link <u>Two years of early childhood education – what the evidence says</u>.</p> <p>For any questions relating to this resource, please contact bsbl.change.management@education.vic.gov.au.</p>
<u>Kinder Tick</u>	<p>The <u>Kinder Tick</u> helps Victorian families find a kindergarten program that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is funded and approved by the Victorian Government - delivers play-based learning - is led by a qualified teacher. <p><u>Order Kinder Tick materials</u>, including signage for your service.</p>
<u>Find a Kinder Program map</u>	This <u>interactive map</u> helps families find kinder programs that have been approved by the Victorian Government in locations convenient to them.
<u>Communicating about kindergarten to your community (web page)</u>	<p>Access the following digital materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>posters and postcards</u> - <u>social media tiles and email signature</u> - <u>infographics</u>.
<u>Victorian Kindergarten portal</u>	You can order printed information online to help you promote your kindergarten program to your community. These materials are paid for by the department and printed and delivered to your service.



	This includes information related to the Best Start, Best Life initiative, including: Three- and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten; Early Start Kindergarten; Koorie Kids Shine; Kinder Tick (including signage); and translated resources to support families from cultural and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds enrol in kindergarten.
<u>Supporting CALD families</u>	Access resources and supports for engaging with CALD families in your community. Resources include a ' Community event toolkit ' with tips on engaging with CALD families, and in-language videos of CALD families talking about the benefits of kinder and sharing their experience in enrolling.
<u>Kinder translations</u>	Resources in 30 languages to help CALD families about kindergarten and its benefits, and how to enrol. All content on these pages is in-language.
<u>Koorie Kids Shine</u>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families that come to your service may have heard about kindergarten through the Koorie Kids Shine program. Order Koorie Kids Shine materials to promote kindergarten for Koorie kids in your community.
<u>Early Start Kindergarten</u>	Your service should discuss eligibility for Early Start Kindergarten directly with families and referrers, in addition to information provided through the enrolment process. Access resources to support your discussions with families and referrers, including information for parents, communication toolkits, postcards, brochures, and social media tiles.