

### **Snapshot of our work in**

## **Western Australia**

We want every child to have the chance to fulfil their dreams. Children should be proud of who they are, where they come from and what they aspire to be.





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Kids in school

Not all young people respond to standard learning methods in the same way. But that doesn't mean they should miss out on quality education. We are helping school kids become enthusiastic about learning through our YES! program in Kununurra and Alternative Learning program in Armadale. These programs provide a tailored approach for young people who have trouble in mainstream classrooms or who find it difficult to attend school regularly.

In 2017, 88% of the target group increased their engagement with education through our YES! program.

In 2017 we reached 8,074 adults and children across 10 communities and locations.

#### Kids in community

We're proud of our reputation working with some of Australia's most challenging and disadvantaged communities to improve access to services for children and families. Our Youth Partnership Project engages state and local government, the community sector and local Elders – working in close partnerships and strengthening relationships to help improve outcomes for young people.

"'We have thought big and tested local, with results that if applied, will create a better future for all Western Australian young people."







#### Young children

The early years of a child's life are so important for their development. We run early learning activities through supported playgroups to give young children the opportunity to grow and develop through safe and supported play. Our playgroups support parents and promote loving, attachment-based parenting, by connecting them with other services, building their strengths and confidence, and modelling positive parenting practices.

"Reading is a key focus of all our activities, encouraging children, parents and community members to enjoy books."



#### **Newly arrived families**

Starting a new life in a country with different customs and a different language would be daunting for anyone. It's even more complex for newly arrived migrant and refugee families who have often already been through so much. By removing barriers like social isolation and lack of connection to services, our range of programs including It Takes a Village help isolated, newly-arrived mothers, children & young people to settle in Australia and develop their opportunities for a bright future.

"My daughter loves playgroup... I learn a lot, I have made lots of new friends."