

# Connect Pathways Program



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The Connect Pathways Program is a place of support for families with children aged from birth to three years. We're here to support families experiencing challenges accessing early childhood education and supports in the Penrith and Blue Mountains community.

This program responds to **individual child and family needs** and aims to **build confidence in families**.

Our goal is to have **children confidently engage in play spaces, learn alongside their peers, and actively participate in their communities**.



Our supports include:

- **Personalised Connections:** Whether it's a friendly chat over the phone or a face-to-face meeting, we're here to understand your unique situation.
- **Exploration of Resources:** We'll guide you through the array of services and resources available within your community.
- **Navigating the system:** Our team will help you navigate the referral process, checking in with you along the way.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** We believe in empowering you with information, sharing knowledge that equips you for making decisions.
- **Identifying Early Supports:** We can provide an initial assessment of development.
- **Group Engagement:** For families requiring more intensive support, our Pathways Program groups offer a shared learning experience that's both enriching and fun.

Groups running  
Thursdays at Lapstone  
and Katoomba  
9:30-11:30am

Our team of experienced early childhood practitioners are available to connect with you

Enquiring or requesting support through Connect's Pathways Program is as easy as picking up the phone.

Reach out to our office at 02 4758 9966. Alternatively, visit our website :

<https://www.connectcfs.org.au/support-and-services/connect-pathways-program/>

# Pathways Facilitated Playgroups



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"Both my child and I feel more confident starting preschool after attending the playgroup."

- FREE playgroup
- Facilitated by early childhood specialists
- Accompany your child to experience and learn about an inclusive preschool environment
- Build skills towards attending an early childhood setting
- Connections to community resources
- Support in transitioning to your child's early childhood setting

By attending this small group, children will develop their independence, social engagement and participation in childcare routines.

See your child play alongside peers within an early childhood setting.



#### WHEN:

Thursdays during  
school terms  
9.30am - 11.30am

#### WHERE:

**West End St, Katoomba**  
(next door to Mikayla  
Children's Centre)  
and  
**Lapstone Preschool**  
9 Explorers Rd,  
Lapstone

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