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At a Glance

Connected Beginnings is a program that is jointly delivered by the Department of Health and Aged Care and the Department of Education.

The program prepares Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children for school and supports children from birth to school and pregnant women.

It aims to close the gap in school readiness and education outcomes between First Nations children and non-Indigenous children.

The program focuses on ensuring that early childhood services all work together to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families use the services they need.

Access to Data

Capacity Building

Collective Outcomes

Learn more

Vision

Connected Beginnings draws upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' strength and knowledge. The aim is to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's and families' engagement with health and early childhood education and care.

Data & Action

Seer Data & Analytics supported the Australian Government through the Department of Education (DoE) in making First Nations education data accessible and shareable among 27 Connected Beginnings sites:

- Early education and care domain data assets, comprising both Open and Closed data were shared from the DoE to all sites using an indicator framework. This allowed easy access and visualisation of the data across the sites.

- In the project's next phase, Seer Data updated the Population Forecast model with the latest data to provide a forecast of First Nations kids by 2031 for improved service planning.

Future Outlook

An Australian-first interactive Government to Community data-sharing project, which will be rolled out to additional sites.

This provides access to all sites in one place for local action to improve First Nations' early years education and health outcomes.

"The Department of Education is sharing data assets with Connected Beginnings communities in a meaningful way, and with regularity so that the data can be easily used to inform local decision-making. Sharing data supports equity and self-determination and maintains trust between community-led organisations and the department."

Mike Jackson, Director
Connected Beginnings