



Department of Communities
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Invitation to Earlier Intervention and Family Support (EIFS) Commissioning Sector Information Session

Good morning,

I hope this correspondence finds both yourself and your staff well.

The Department of Communities (Communities) are pleased to invite you to attend a Sector Information Session on the upcoming state-wide commissioning of Earlier Intervention and Family Support (EIFS) Services.

The *Building Safe and Strong Families: Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy* provides the framework for a coordinated response between the Department of Communities, other State Government Agencies, and the Community Sector, supporting families who are most vulnerable to their children coming into care. The following services are delivered under the EIFS Strategy:

- Aboriginal In-home Support Service (AISS)
- Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS)
- Family Support Network (FSN)
- Regional Service Model (RSM)

Following careful consideration and extensive consultation with key stakeholders, Communities has now finalised the procurement approach for the Commissioning of EIFS services, commencing in 2024. The approach has been developed to best support families and individuals, in their local area, who access these services and is strongly aligned with key National and State Government initiatives, including Communities' Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Strategy 2022-2032, the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy 2021-2029, and the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Communities will be hosting three Sector Information Sessions to provide details on the upcoming commissioning activities for EIFS, including procurement approaches and timelines. The information sessions, to be held on 29 November 2023 and 1 December 2023, will contain the same information and you only need to attend one of the sessions.

Please see the schedule below for details of each session.

Sector Information Session Schedule:

Session	Date	Time	Venue
Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Sector Information Session (Online session)	Wednesday, 29 November 2023	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Online via Teams
ACCO Sector Information Session (In-person session)	Wednesday, 29 November 2023	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Walyalup Civic Centre Mardoo Meeting Room 8 William Street, Fremantle, WA 6160 <i>Tea, coffee, and light catering provided</i>
Community Service Organisation (CSO) Sector Information Session (In-person and online session)	Friday, 1 December 2023	1.00pm – 2.30pm	Communities Head Office Meeting Room N1.46 5 Newman Court, Fremantle, WA 6160 <i>Tea, coffee, and light catering provided</i> Online via Teams

Please register your attendance by completing this short survey: [EIFS Commissioning Sector Information Session](#). Online registrations will be provided a Teams link.

We look forward to your participation in a Sector Information Session.

Kind regards,



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