

Saturday Playgroup



Pathways Early Childhood Intervention Inc



Snapshot of families using our services in 2007

- 118 children with additional needs and their families
- 63% of these were from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Seven families were from an Aboriginal background
- 43 siblings attended our services
- Our most highly attended program for 2007 was the Saturday Group, with 69 families throughout 2007. Between 10 and 25 children each week.



- Developed in response to feedback from families
- Working families
- Fathers
- Whole family involvement
- Parent to parent support

As a working parent I chose for convenience





- Has continued to evolve and meet changing needs
- Our most popular program
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Strengths based
- Staffing changes as needed
- Welcoming for all families

Somewhere to take the children on the weekend which is safe and comfortable for all.





- OHS issues
- Staff employment conditions
- Culture shift

Since I work, I need to look for what is available on the days I'm home. So I need to design his program with this in mind, being careful not to overload him, myself and my family.



- Sibs Club
- Vietnamese Bilingual Worker
- Out of area families
- Informal way into our more formal programs



It's a fun thing to do, relaxing, casual, chat with other parents who have children with disabilities.



- Initial funding from Corporate sponsors
- 2007- Service expansion on Saturday with funding from Dept of Ageing Disability and Home Care for two years
- A community group has developed to cater for the kids when they start school (which includes school aged siblings)



I come because my daughter, who has speech delay, can socialise, plus the timing fits in with other commitments.



- For more information about our services: www.pathwayseci.com
- Posters to raise awareness of early childhood intervention translated into over 20 languages. For more info see the website.



My son can share with other kids and I can exchange information with other parents about what they need.