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# 2021 | EARLY LEARNING MATTERS WEEK



## 26–30 JULY 2021

Early Learning Matters Week 2021 is a nationwide event held from 26 to 30 July to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of early childhood education and care in Australia.

### How to get involved

Plan visits to local early childhood education and care services during Early Learning Matters (ELM) Week 2021:

- Look out for invitations from services planning to be involved in ELM week.
- Visit the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website ([www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au)) to access national registers. You can download state and territory lists and search using an excel document.
- Visit the Australian Government Department of Education and Training ChildCareFinder website ([www.childcarefinder.gov.au](http://www.childcarefinder.gov.au)) and search by postcode to view a map of services.
- Call Early Childhood Australia on **02 6242 1800** or email **EarlyLearningMatters@earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au** if you would like help with locating a service.

### Plan your visit

- Be prepared to ask the early childhood educators at the service/s why early learning matters to them (read the attached 'Why early learning matters' flyer).
- Thank educators for the fantastic and important work they do educating young children.
- Post photos of your visit on social media and use hashtags **#EarlyLearningMattersWeek** and **#EarlyLearningMatters**.
- Share your experience with your colleagues to spread the word about the importance of early learning.

### If you can't visit a service during ELM week

- Send a message of support via social media using hashtags **#EarlyLearningMattersWeek** and **#EarlyLearningMatters**.
- Plan a visit for another time to show your support for early learning.

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