



Families



Community  
Links

## Section 8 - Exceeding – Family and Community Links

### Assess your practice first.

Read the below description and evaluate it in relation to your practices.

**Exceeding – Family and Community Links.** We support families to understand and engage in environmentally responsible and sustainable practices. We have implemented the swap-and-go clothing system to introduce them to the concept of the circular economy. This model of manufacturing and consumption involves recycling, refurbishing, repairing, sharing, reusing and leasing existing products for as long as possible. Outgrown children’s clothing is placed on a rack and parents can swap for larger items.

If you are doing similar practices to the example, use the below question to help you write your **‘exceeding practice for families and community connection** description so you can add it to your QIP or SAT (NSW only).

For <b>Exceeding</b> the QIP and Self-Assessment Tool (SAT)
<b>Families and community links.</b> Please give an example of how you/your team support families to understand and engage in environmentally responsible and sustainable practices.

**If you and your educators need to learn how to achieve exceeding – families and community, proceed here and do below.**

The following section outlines the steps to ensure you are exceeding in families and community. If you have already successfully completed the previous section demonstrating how you are exceeding in families and community, you do not need to complete this section.

### Look at the words in detail to identify what is exceeding.

Please give an example of how **you/your team support families to understand** and engage in environmentally responsible and sustainable practices.

**Supporting Families to Understand.** In this context, supporting families to understand environmentally responsible and sustainable practices refers to the efforts made by educators or the team to provide information, guidance, and resources to families about these practices. The goal is to help families gain knowledge and awareness of environmental issues and their role in creating a sustainable future.

**Supporting Families to Engage.** Supporting families to engage in environmentally responsible and sustainable practices involves actively encouraging and assisting families in adopting and implementing these practices in their daily lives. This can include providing practical suggestions, organising workshops or events, and fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility.

Now that we have examined the words in detail, we can start exploring what these concepts could look like for you. It is important to ensure that we make it very clear how these concepts have **created change** in your service.

Please give an example of how you/your team support families to understand and engage in environmentally responsible and sustainable practices.

**Parent Education Workshops:** We organise regular workshops or information sessions for parents where we discuss topics related to environmental sustainability. These sessions provide valuable insights into sustainable practices, such as waste reduction,

energy conservation, and water conservation. We share practical tips, resources, and strategies that families can implement at home to reduce their environmental impact.

**Resource Sharing:** We create and distribute resource materials, such as pamphlets, newsletters, or online articles, that highlight environmentally responsible practices. These resources cover a range of topics, including recycling, composting, eco-friendly household products, and sustainable transportation. Families can access this information at their convenience and learn about simple changes they can make to live more sustainably.

**Collaborative Projects:** We involve families in collaborative projects centred around environmental sustainability. For example, we have initiated a community garden where families can participate in growing their own organic produce. This project not only encourages sustainable food practices but also raises a sense of connection and shared responsibility among families in caring for the environment.

**Eco-Friendly Challenges:** We organise eco-friendly challenges or competitions that encourage families to adopt sustainable habits. This involved challenges like reducing water usage, minimising energy consumption, or creating zero-waste lunches. By turning sustainability into a fun and engaging activity, families are motivated to actively participate and learn together.

**Community Events:** We host community events focused on environmental sustainability, such as Earth Day celebrations or tree planting activities. These events provide an opportunity for families to come together, engage in hands-on activities, and learn about the importance of environmental stewardship. Families can actively participate in planting trees, participating in recycling drives, or creating artwork from recycled materials.

**Parent-Child Collaboration:** We encourage parent-child collaboration in environmental projects or initiatives. For instance, families might work together to build a birdhouse or create a recycled art project. By involving parents in hands-on activities with their children, we promote bonding, experiential learning, and the

transmission of sustainable practices from one generation to the next.

**Environmental Film Screenings:** Organise screenings of environmental documentaries or family-friendly movies with an environmental message. Create a cozy outdoor cinema experience or collaborate with a local theatre to raise awareness and spark discussions about environmental issues.

**Eco-Art Exhibitions:** Host an eco-art exhibition showcasing artwork made from recycled materials or inspired by nature. Encourage local artists, including children, to contribute their creations. This event not only promotes creativity but also highlights the importance of repurposing materials and appreciating the beauty of the natural world.

**Your example. Select a point from above and break it down into the subsections.**

Please give an example of how you/your team support families to understand ...

... and engage in environmentally responsible and sustainable practices. *(Remember, you must show how the **families or community** contribution has made a change)*