

# Connections with the Community in Family Day Care

## FDCA 2025 National Conference



We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land we meet on today Wurundjeri peoples the traditional custodians. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and thank the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge holders who pass their stories on to us so we can share them with the children.

# Introduction

- Our services
- Our History
- Our Story



*Parent Place – Sturt Street Ballarat*



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## 2022

- School/Kindergarten transport of own children



# What we observed

# Our Findings

- Transaction Transportation
- Educator confidence
- Barriers



# Documentation requirements

- Regulation requirements
- Policies and Procedures



## 6 Steps to a successful outing

1. Purpose
2. Risk Assessing
3. Authorisation
4. Reminders/Notifications
5. Going Out
6. Record Keeping

# Collaborating for Change

- Confidence
- Capacity building
- Researching
- Knowledge Sharing



# Katies Journey





# Success Stories







# Increasing learning opportunities



# Intentional Teaching





# Childrens Voices



*Nellie*

“I like the  
butterflies”

“ the greenhouse is  
nice because the  
flowers and the  
colours”





## *River*

“I really like the bats, because they hang upside down”

”the crocodile at the Wildlife park”



*Maisie*

“the wombats  
at the wildlife  
park”





# Where to Next?

# Goal Setting

- Assessment and Rating
- Future goals
- Adaptability



# Questions?



# Thank you