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Problem

Every child and young person should have the opportunity to reach their full potential. A key group that is currently missing out is young people in care. The Inner Gippsland area is currently rated one of the highest in the state with statistics related to children and young people in statutory care.

With chronic and wicked problems related to the out-of-home-care system in the area, the Inner Gippsland Children and Youth Area Partnership recognised the importance to work together with local organisations, governments and councils to make inroads with the negative statistics around vulnerable children and young people.

More information here.
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Decision

The Inner Gippsland Area Partnership undertook an intensive five week co-design program from February to March 2017 to develop fresh approaches to support parents to create an environment where their children can thrive, specifically to improve the first 1000 days of a child’s life.

The co-design process was adopted to create and test new ideas, solutions and programs to enable our children to thrive, to identify solutions that work to shape future programs, and to develop more effective ways to implement services and supports for local families.

Outcome

Bringing together four teams of key stakeholders from across the four local government areas in Inner Gippsland (Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe and South Gippsland), the co-design sprint used a range of tools to shake-up more traditional ways of working, helping participants come up with effective, innovative ways to address complexities around improving outcomes for children in the early years.

The tools and resources used in the program have stayed with participants, with one service agency professional noting:

“I approach problems and projects differently now, I’ve used the tools in different contexts and even taught and shared them with my peers and colleagues. Being part of the program has changed the way I think and work for the better’.

82% of the participants said their prototype has secured additional funding, resourcing or support after the completion of the program.