

Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AEDI	Australian Early Development Index
AIFS	Australian Institute of Family Studies
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
CAG	Consortium Advisory Group, LSAC
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
CATI	Computer Assisted Telephone Interview
CCC	Communities for Children Committee
CfC	Communities for Children
DoFA	Department of Finance and Administration
FaCS	Australian Department of Family and Community Services
FP	Facilitating Partner
FTB	Family Tax Benefit
HILDA	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey
ItG	Invest to Grow
LA	Local Answers
LE	Local Evaluator
LSAC	Longitudinal Study of Australian Children
LSIC	Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children
NE	National Evaluation
NGO	Non-government organisation
OIF	Outcome Indicators Framework
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
SFCS	Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (2004-2008)
SP	Service Provider
SPRC	Social Policy Research Centre

Glossary of Terms

For the purposes of this paper the following definitions will be used:

Communities for Children national initiative – the entire Communities for Children initiative funded under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Communities for Children local initiative – the sum total of activity funded by SFCS in one area (the Communities for Children site)

Communities for Children Committee – the committee established by the Facilitating Partner to support and guide the Communities for Children local initiative

Communities for Children Strategies – the programmes of activity usually provided by one agency delivered in accordance with the Community Strategic Plan and Service delivery Plan – fully or partly funded by CfC

In addition:

A **community** can be defined in Communities for Children as children aged 0-5 and their families and communities in an area roughly within a geographic boundary.

The term '**parents**' includes all those who look after children informally on a long-term basis, and is not confined to biological mother and father only.