

A whole-of-service approach to road safety education

Effective road safety education includes:

Partnerships



As young children are still developing the skills and understandings they need to keep safe, working with families is an essential part of road safety education.

It's important to talk regularly with families about their road safety concerns and issues and to address these in meaningful and relevant road safety learning experiences for children.

Document these experiences and share with families to highlight the Key Road Safety Messages and actively involve them in their children's learning.

(APST Standard Descriptor 3.7.2)

Engage families in establishing or reviewing your road safety education policies and procedures and regularly share these with families and the community.

Policies



Policies and procedures are a valuable tool for embedding road safety education into your service. They inform educators, families and the wider community of the road safety practices and behaviours required to keep children safe.

Include road safety in your **Excursions** policy and procedures. Emphasise safe travel with children in vehicles and holding hands with adults to keep them safe. Promote your **Safe Arrival and Departure** procedures regularly with families. Include road safety in **Transition to School** procedures.

A broad **Road Safety Education** policy which addresses programming, partnerships with families and collaboration with the community is crucial. Be sure you include the importance of ongoing professional learning for educators in this policy too.

(APST Standard Descriptor 6.2.2)

Programming



Cross-curriculum, integrated road safety education that's embedded in daily teaching and learning, routines, transitions and interactions can help children develop their understandings of how to keep safe.

(APST Standard Descriptor 4.4.2)

Road safety education should engage children in learning about how to keep safe **without** making them responsible for their own safety.

Plan for continuous road safety education. Consistently focus on the Key Road Safety Messages and the specific road safety issues affecting children and families in the local community.

Good road safety education is based on the foundations of high quality early childhood education. As such it should be hands-on, play-based, child centered and involve families.

PARTNERSHIPS + POLICIES + PROGRAMMING = A WHOLE-OF-SERVICE APPROACH