



Victorian Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Committee

# An important study. About immigrant families with young children.



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Friday 11 October 2019.



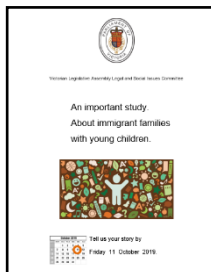
## What is a Parliamentary Inquiry?

The Victorian Parliament wants to hear about

- things that work
- things to change.

They call it a Parliamentary Inquiry.

We will call it a study.



The name of this study is the  
Parliamentary Inquiry into early childhood  
engagement of culturally and linguistically  
diverse communities.



## Who will do this study?

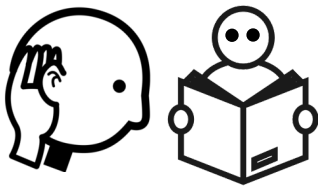


There are 7 people on a committee.

They are from the Victorian Parliament.

They want to listen to

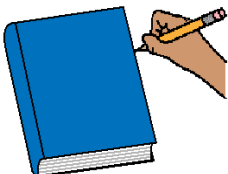
- your story
- stories of other families new to Australia.



They will listen to experts from

- Australia
- around the world.

They will read lots of reports.



They will write a report at the end.

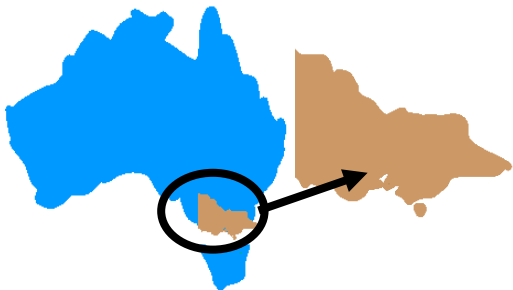


## Who is this study about?



This study is about

- young children and
- their families.



It is for people that live in Victoria.

**But**



You come from different countries.

You were born in a different country.



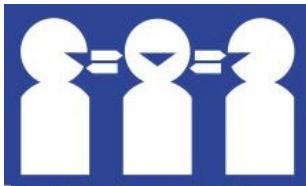
This can be called

- a different background
- culturally diverse
- a culturally and linguistically diverse community

**or**

- an immigrant family.

We will use the word **immigrant**.



You speak a different language.

You may read a different language.

**and**



You may speak or read

- **no** English
- **a little** English.

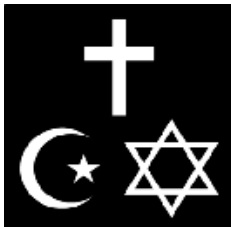


You may be a migrant.

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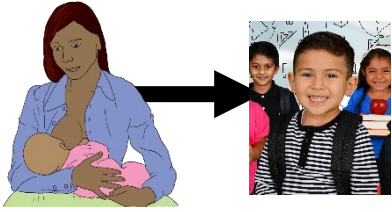


You may be an asylum seeker or refugee.



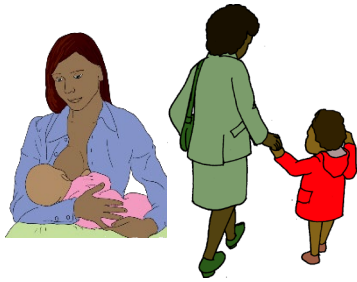
You may have different religions, like

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Jewish
- Muslim.



## What age groups do we want to hear about?

We want to hear about services you used when your child



- was a baby
- was a small child
- went to childcare
- went to kindergarten.



We also want to hear about when your child

- starts school
- until they are 8 years old.



## What things do we want to hear about?



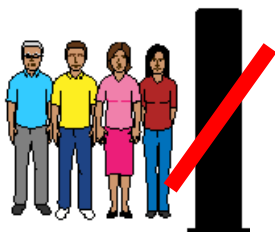
There are lots of things we want to hear.

Like



- what are important things for your child
- what services work
- what services do **not** work
- how to give you information about services

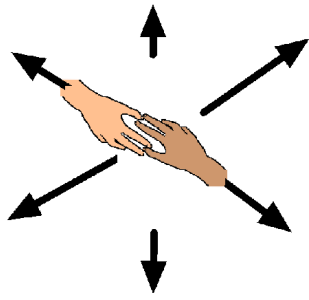
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We want to make sure you do **not** feel cut off

- from other people
- from the community.

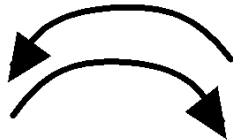




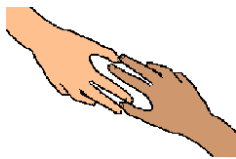
We want to hear how you

- find the help you need
- use the services you need

**and**



- what needs to change.



We want to know what helps you to take part in  
the community.



You can tell us

- things that are good

or



- things that are **not** good. Like
  - the services cost too much
  - there are too many forms
  - information is only in English.

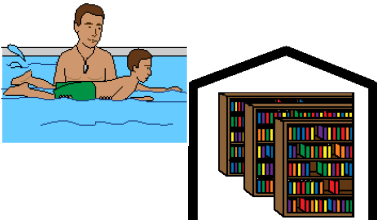


We want to hear about places where your child learns and plays. Like

- childcare
- kindergarten
- playgroups
- playgrounds
- community centres



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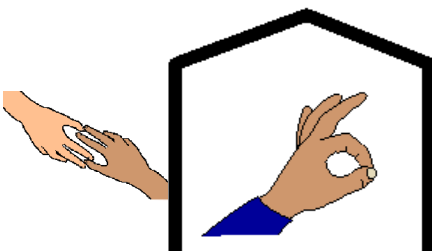
- sport. Like swimming or ball games
- library.



We want to hear about help you get as a parent.

Like

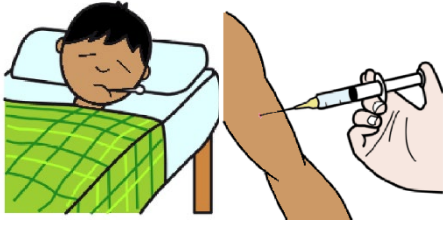
- how to get your baby to sleep
- what parent groups you join.



We want to hear about help you get for your child

to be safe and ready for

- childcare
- kindergarten
- school.



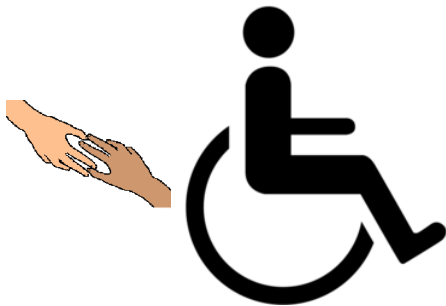
We want to hear about help you get for health things for your child. Like

- childhood vaccinations
- when do you need to see a doctor.



We want to hear about help and information for

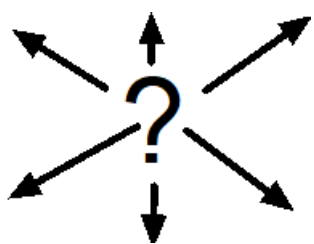
- your own mental health
- your child's mental health.



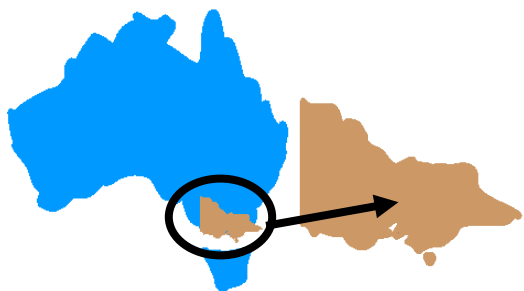
We want to hear about help and information you get when your child has a disability.



It can be about help for your child to learn English.



**What places do we want to hear about?**



We want to hear about any place in Victoria.

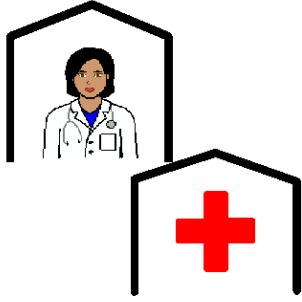


It may be

- playgroups
- baby services. Like Maternal and Child Health Services



- kindergarten
- childcare.



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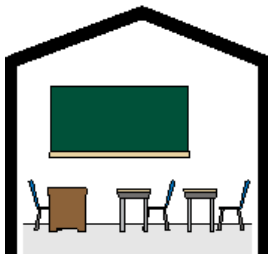
- your doctors office
- hospital



- groups near where you live



- library near where you live

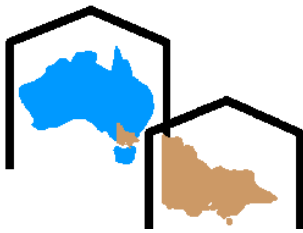


- primary school.



You may use services from

- your local council.



- the Victorian Government
- the Australian Government

or



- any other place you go with your family.



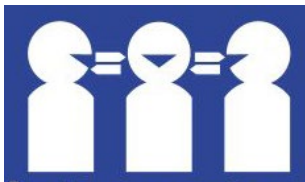
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You can write a letter.



Do you need help to write your letter?

We can help you write in English.



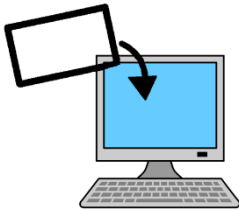
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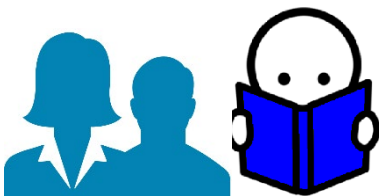


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Legislative Assembly  
Legal and Social Issues Committee.  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
East Melbourne VIC 3002

**or**



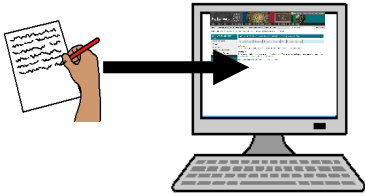
Email your letter to  
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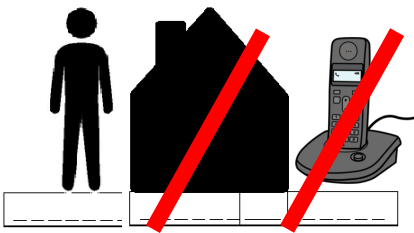
The Committee will read your letter.



**Then**



We put all letters on our website.



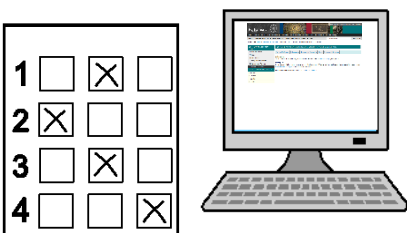
Other people can

- see your name
- **not** see where you live
- **not** see your phone number.

**But**



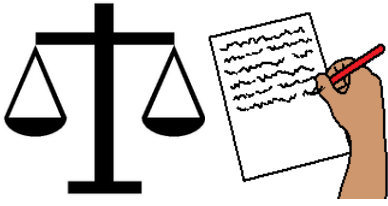
You can also say you do **not** want your letter on the website. Write this in your letter.



You can do a survey on the website.

Go to

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/lsc-la/article/4231>



## Rules about the information



This study is done by people in the parliament.

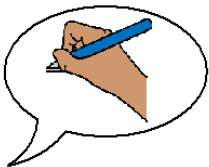
There are **rules** for the study.

They are called Parliamentary Privilege.



You tell us your story.

Your story is covered by the rules.



The rules say

- you can tell us **anything**
- you will **not** get into trouble from the law.

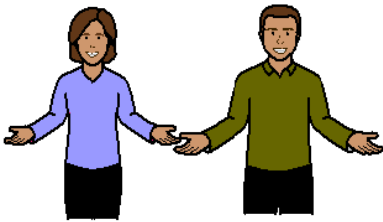


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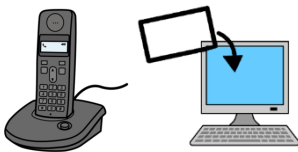


We will have meetings in

- **Melbourne**
- **other** places in Victoria.



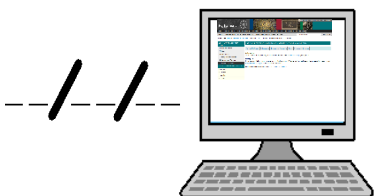
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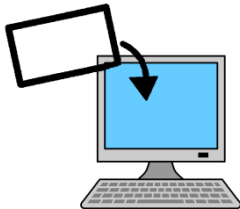
We will put the dates on our website.



## More information



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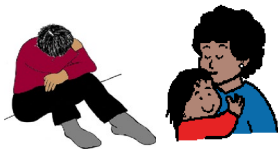
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