



Have you heard of the AEDC? If you're an Early Childhood Professional or School Teacher working in Australia, you probably have. If you haven't we're here to help you become familiar!

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), is a nationwide data collection that shows how young children have developed as they start their first year at school. The data is collected by first year teachers using a comprehensive early developmental questionnaire, to gain a 'snapshot' into the development of each of their students. The questionnaire is broken down into the following areas:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- communication skills and general knowledge

Parent House understands the importance of getting it right for the children you support and educate. We know that great programs at critical points in development are able to shape children's outcomes across the domains. Therefore, we have developed a program designed to support improvements in some of the key areas captured by the AEDC data. We know that well developed social and emotion skills of children aged 0-5 years is a strong foundation for high emotional intelligence (with the five key elements being self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills).

Our 'Connect with Me' programs support the development of social competence and emotional maturity – knowing that activating development in these domains activates the development of language and communication, cooperation, turn taking, emotion regulation, resilience, sense of agency, confidence and autonomy (ALOT!). Connect with Me programs support early childhood professionals and school teachers to work with children in the following AEDC subdomains:

- Emotional maturity – anxious and fearful behaviour
- Emotional maturity – pro-social and helping behaviour
- Emotional maturity - hyperactivity and inattentive behaviour
- Emotional maturity - aggressive behaviour
- Social competence - responsibility and respect

- Communication skills and general knowledge
- Language and cognitive development - basic literacy

Connect with Me helps Early Childhood Professionals and all professionals working with children to translate the often complex and abstract language that is used to explain children's social and emotional needs, into techniques that are practical, observable and achievable.

We have attached some helpful AEDC resources that provide a context around the data collection process in Australia and some useful information on how your staffing group can integrate this data into their practice.

For more information on our Connect with Me program options available to you, please contact us or [click here](#).

Happy Reading,

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