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Early Childhood Education and Primary Care - a Growing Partnership - Main Session
(Workshop options scheduled)

Sunday, 18 August 2013

Start 8:30am

Duration: 25mins

Plenary



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Early Childhood Education and Primary Care - a Growing Partnership



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Summary

- Contexts
- The ECE sector
- Government priorities
- The evidence
- The ECE response
- Challenges facing ECE and Health
- Your questions

A little context...

The health environment:

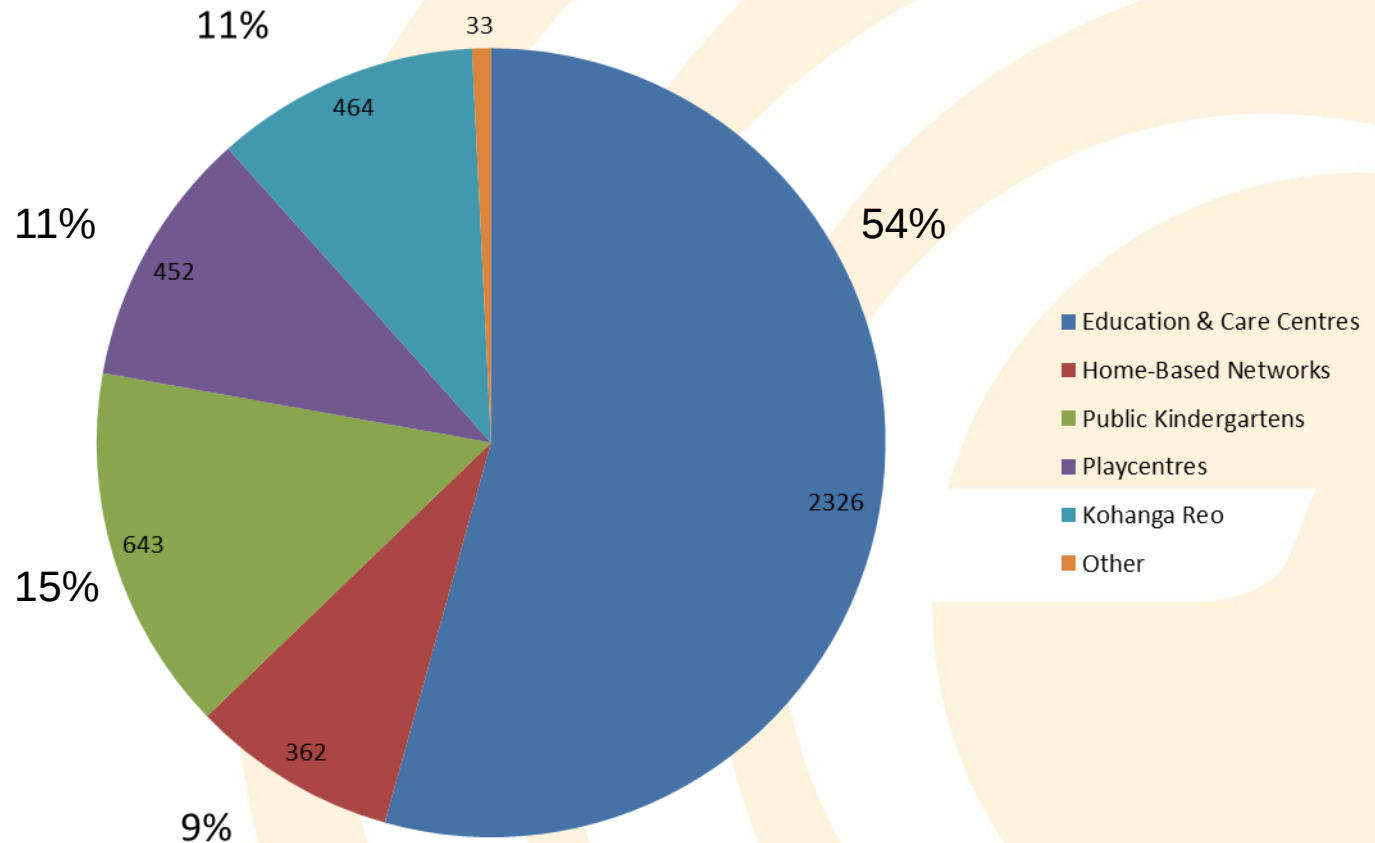
- We have 20 DHBs, 31 PHOs, and approximately 1,000 General Practices
- The public health system is providing primary health services to an enrolled population of 4,275,828 individuals, of whom 302,871 are aged 0 to 5 inclusive.

The Early Childhood Education environment:

- We have 4,275 licensed ECE services, of which there are 2,327 childcare centres
- There are 15,287 qualified teachers working in the sector
- There were 196,535 children aged between 0 and 5 inclusive enrolled in some level of licensed ECE as at Dec 2012

The ECE Sector at a glance

- it's complicated!



Our goals...

Health

- Primary Health Strategy
- Better, sooner, more convenient healthcare

ECE

- 98% participation target
 - Vulnerable children
- Te Whaariki
- Prepare for school

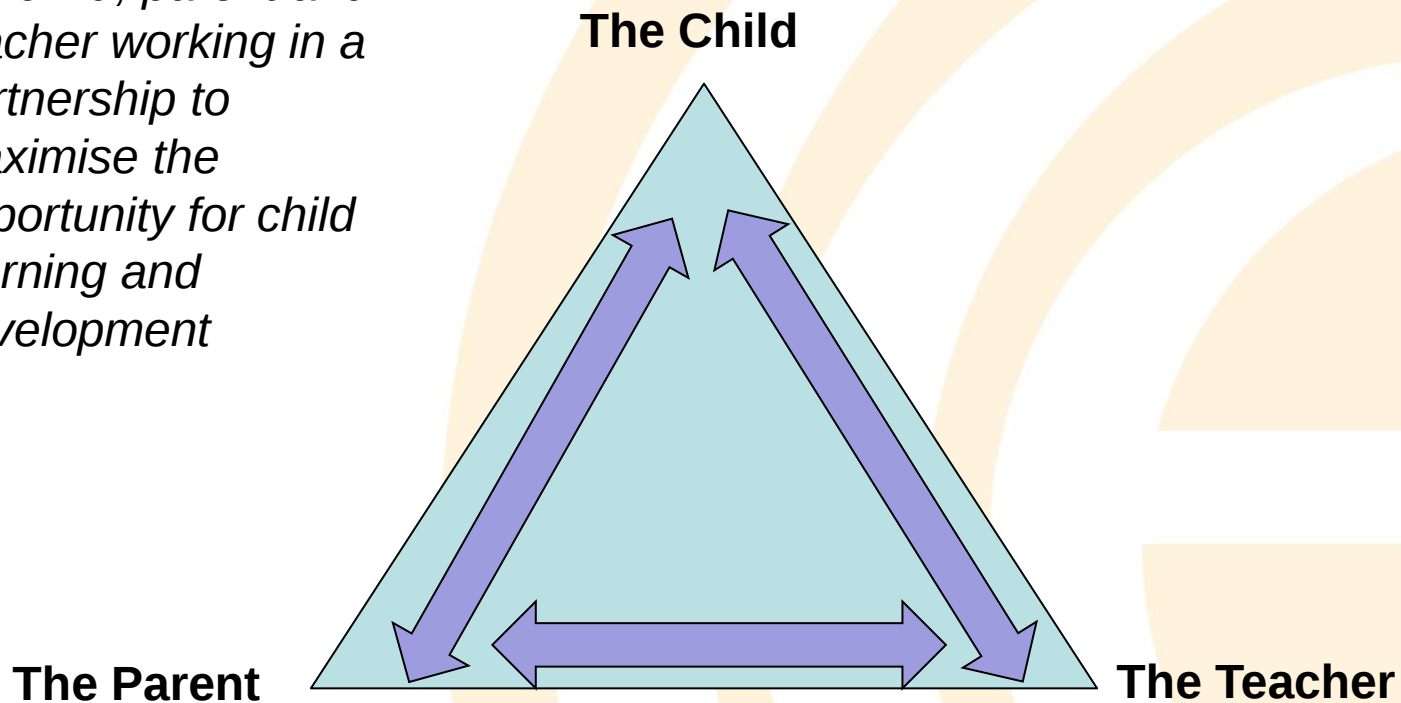
The average childcare centre

- is privately-owned rather than community-owned
- is likely to have 11 under two-year-olds and 36 over two-year-olds enrolled
- is likely to employ around 11 staff, of whom nine are teachers
- is likely to offer 20 Hours ECE, but also likely to “invite” a voluntary top-up payment

Assuming no siblings, that's 58 families!

What should ECE quality look like?

Quality ECE involves the child, parent and teacher working in a partnership to maximise the opportunity for child learning and development



Government's set the environment

- Budgets 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013
- Food in Schools
- Nurses in Schools
- Incredible Years (PB4L)
- Welfare reforms
- Vulnerable Children strategy
- Before School Health Checks

So, where's the connection?

THE RIGHT CONNECTION



Wider Determinants of Health



Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead, 1991

Why is this link important?

- The evidence...
 - Professor Sir Peter Gluckman
 - ECE Taskforce
 - OECD
 - Children's Commissioner Dr Russell Wills
 - and a truckload of other national and international evidence!

ECE response

- Community Hubs
 - Based on the Pen Green model in Corby, Northamptonshire, established in 1983, regarded as the international benchmark for community hubs
 - Living & Learning Foundation, Mangere



Community Hubs

- Feature a childcare facility that includes and involves parents as first teachers
- Includes other service functions for the child and for the parent
 - Parenting programmes, cooking, budgeting, home health, etc

Challenges for ECE moving forward

- Be more accountable (to parents, govt and self)
 - Demonstrate achievements of children
 - Demonstrate value for money
 - Demonstrate effective governance and management practices
- Continue to influence govt policy to create a positive, child-focused environment for quality ECE delivery
- Explore growth and diversification opportunities that meet the needs of parents

More challenges for ECE moving forward

- Need to seize on the opportunity to partner with primary care
 - To promote and advocate for better children's and family health outcomes
 - To educate families
 - To be open to joint initiative opportunities at the community level

Challenges for health

- Supporting a child's enrolment in ECE
- Supporting a parent's involvement in ECE, particularly community hub models
- Supporting the continued provision of family health awareness
- How many childcare centres do you have in your community? How could you get to know them better?
- How many pre-school-aged children do you / your team see at your practice? How many are enrolled in a childcare centre? How many might fit the government's definition of "vulnerable"?

Questions

