

Attachment Matters Research Project

The Benevolent Society is always looking for better ways to improve the services we deliver. We are currently conducting a research focussed project called Attachment Matters to support the improvement of Partnerships in Early Childhood.

Attachment Matters will undertake case study reviews of 14 children over three years to enhance elements of the Partnerships in Early Childhood model and apply the learnings back into childcare training.

This project adds the following elements to the existing PIEC model:

- Collaboration with international researchers and experts in the fields of attachment and social development/communication.
- The use of videoed case studies to be reviewed in collaboration with the international partners.
- Additional training for childcare staff based on the Circle of Security and Marte Meo programs that highlight relationship support for children.
- A focus on teacher-parent conversations that build on the good emotional links provided in play-spaces and that address children's relationship needs.
- Development of modules in the Early Childhood degree, in collaboration with two Australian universities, regarding supporting children's attachment and social and emotional development.

Through the use of video review the project aims to gain a better understanding of how we can support children's development of secure attachments within the childcare setting, and their social connections with their peers.

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