

# Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

## What can educators do?

We need to critically reflect on our practice individually and collaboratively with our team.

### Communication



- ▶ In what ways do we value languages from the cultures represented within our service?
- ▶ Am I representing our families languages and cultures in the messages that are displayed and communicated to families?
- ▶ How do we show families that they are welcome and their cultures, and beliefs will be respected and celebrated within the service?

### Family



- ▶ Do I know who the family would like me to communicate with? It may not necessarily be only the parents.
- ▶ Am I aware of the child rearing practices of individual families and how they relate to the family's cultural practices?
- ▶ Are we curious? How do we explore and seek an understanding of cultural practices to help inform the program and our practices?

### Learning Experiences



- ▶ Have we included resources from a diverse range of cultures e.g. various types of clothing, jewellery, bags, hats, utensils, seating, cooking items and drinking vessels?
- ▶ Do we have an understanding of the use and purpose of various resources from different cultures, and are they used with intent?
- ▶ What new cultural knowledges am I able to intentionally embed in opportunities for play?

### Celebrating Culture



- ▶ What celebrations and festivals do we celebrate throughout the year? How do we value the significance of each celebration and share these with all children?
- ▶ What discussions do we have with families about how to support each other to acknowledge and engage in appropriate celebrations?
- ▶ Do we understand and reflect on cultures and world views from a strengths based approach?

### Where can I access support?

Talk with your Inclusion Professional.

Phone 1800 811 035 Visit [www.inclusionsupportqld.org.au](http://www.inclusionsupportqld.org.au)

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