

Participation Branch Memo

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Learn Local Organisations – ALL	ACFE Board	ACFE Regional Councils
Adult Education Institutions	Learn Local Stakeholders	Participation Branch Staff

FROM: Ryan Collins, Director - Participation Branch
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SUBJECT: *Family Learning Support Program – 2017 Funding Update*

This Memo is to provide information to all LLOs regarding changes to the ACFE funded Family Learning Support Program (FLSP).

The FLSP provides funding to LLOs to fully or partially subsidise the cost of child care where affordability is a significant barrier to participation in Government subsidised training (pre-accredited or accredited) by parents including carers or guardians experiencing disadvantage.

The FLSP's effectiveness and ability to achieve this goal has had mixed success due to declining program uptake, administration and low participation. The ACFE Board has commissioned a program evaluation of the effectiveness and viability of the FLSP.

The Evaluation will commence in December 2016 and participating LLOs will be contacted early in 2017 to provide essential feedback on their experience with the FLSP. This will provide an opportunity to provide valuable information that will help inform the evaluation outcome.

The Department will continue to fund FLSP in 2017 to LLOs who opted-in to receive funding in 2016 and expended the allocated funds.

Affected LLOs will be advised of the individual funding allocations in writing with an option to 'opt-out' if they do not wish to receive FLSP funding in 2017.