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**FROM:** Eduard De Hue, A/Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 18 April 2017

**SUBJECT:** Expressions of Interest for the Family Learning Partnerships Program

The ACFE Board is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Learn Local Organisations (LLOs) interested in developing and implementing a Family Learning Partnership (FLP) Program. LLOs that have demonstrated capacity or interest in fostering family learning opportunities are encouraged to apply.

The FLP provides LLOs with an opportunity to build capacity and understanding about how education, particularly pre-accredited training, contributes to life outcomes for parents which may have flow on benefits for the whole family. Possible insights may include providing an understanding of the unique needs and barriers to participation faced by parents experiencing disadvantage and approaches for the Learn Local sector to build capacity to respond to this.

The FLP Program provides a valuable opportunity for LLOs to trial engagement techniques for encouraging parents to start new learning journeys; gain new skills, knowledge and experience to move into employment and to change the culture of learning and educational aspirations of families participating in the trial.

Participating LLOs will work in partnership with community organisations and other participating LLOs in Communities of Practice (CoP) to identify parents, guardians and carers to participate in the program. The CoP model will help build linkages between FLP members and their associated partners to allow for greater knowledge sharing and insight into each other’s work.

Successful organisations will receive a grant of $28,000 over two years to support project implementation and delivery.

For further information about the trials and expression of interest process, please see the attached Family Learning Partnerships Guidelines and Expression of Interest form.

**Expressions of Interest will be open until 5pm, Friday 5 May 2017.**

If you have any questions in relation to the FLP or how to complete the EOI application, please contact Fran Goodger on 9637 2510 or by email at: goodger.francesca.g@edumail.vic.gov.au or Verna Kearney on 9637 3797 or by email at: kearney.verna.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.