

NQS Area 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities Checklist

(Aligned to National Quality Standard – Quality Area 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities)

Use this checklist to reflect on and strengthen practice within your service. These prompts support continuous improvement, critical reflection, and Assessment and Rating preparation. Educators can complete it individually or as a team.

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Evidence ideas:

Policies, observations, educator reflections, family feedback, environment photos, planning documentation, meeting notes.

6.1 Supportive relationships with families

Key Element	Reflection Prompts
6.1.1 Engagement with the service	Are families welcomed and encouraged to participate in service life?

Notes/Actions:

Key Element	Reflection Prompts
6.1.2 Parent views are respected	Are family perspectives valued in planning and decision-making?

Notes/Actions:

Key Element	Reflection Prompts
6.1.3 Families are supported	Are families connected with relevant support services and information?

Notes/Actions:

6.2 Collaborative partnerships

Key Element	Reflection Prompts/Evidence
6.2.1 Transitions	Are transitions between rooms, services, and school supported effectively?

Notes/Actions:

Key Element	Reflection Prompts/Evidence
6.2.2 Access and participation	Are inclusion and equitable participation promoted?

Notes/Actions:

Key Element	Reflection Prompts/Evidence
6.2.3 Community engagement	Does the service build meaningful community connections?

Notes/Actions:

Team Reflection Summary

Summarise key strengths, challenges, and goals identified from the checklist. Use this to inform your Quality Improvement Plan (QIP).

Strengths:

Challenges:

Next Steps/Actions:
