



A shared vision for every child in Alice Springs to have the best possible start in life and to grow up healthy and strong.

What is Child Friendly Alice?

Child Friendly Alice is an emerging community collaboration; a place based approach to community action. Child Friendly Alice aspires for a whole of community commitment to population level change for children and families in Alice Springs.

There is extensive and ongoing effort, with over 40 agencies and more than 100 programs supporting children and families in Alice Springs. Child Friendly Alice is committed to maximising impact by working better together to collectively address vulnerability and achieve better outcomes.

The Community Profile

The Child Friendly Alice Community Profile brings together community voices and population level data to tell a story of strengths, challenges, concerns and aspirations for children and families in Alice Springs. The Profile provides evidence for change, and the impetus for a collective response. The data forms a baseline from which to measure change over time.

The Community Profile, alongside the Technical Report, offers an opportunity for community members, service providers and all levels of government to work together to guide collective action in response to community needs and aspirations.

Local Action Planning

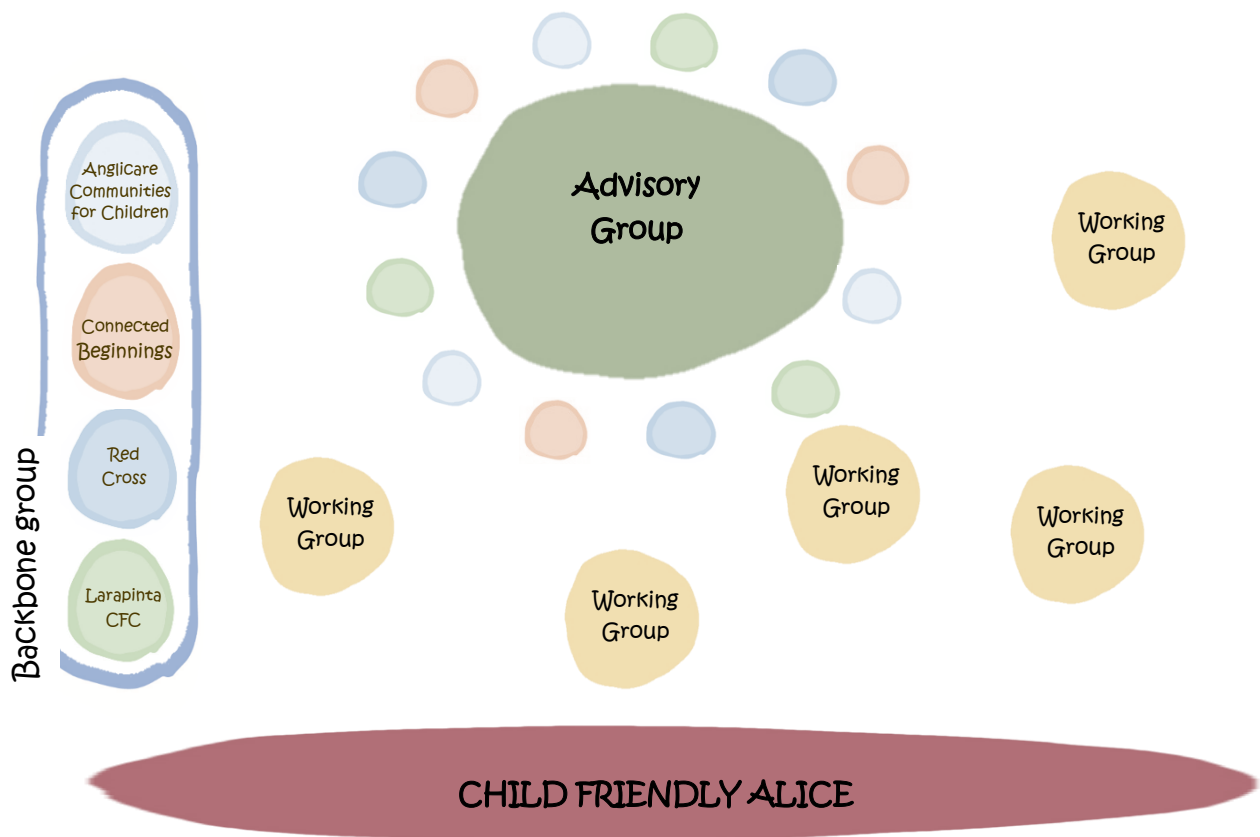
To make decisions in response to the priorities most important to this community, Child Friendly Alice seeks to assist local action planning. Most importantly, children, young people, families and the community need the opportunity to participate in the co-creation of a local action plan.

The ARACY Nest Areas of Wellbeing used in the Profile could be used as a framework for capturing the collaborative plan. Broad community goals would be determined and data would continue to be collected across the areas of wellbeing as evidence of progress over time.

As part of this coordinated approach, targeted initiatives would focus on key priorities that align with the broader goals. Much of the effort will continue to be led by key agencies within Alice Springs with a level of autonomy. New partnerships and collaborations will also emerge. All effort will be mutually reinforcing, communicated and connected where opportunities present, and mapped against the Nest Areas of Wellbeing and the collective plan. Collectively, we will achieve a Child Friendly Alice!

The way we work together

Child Friendly Alice places children at the centre and fosters the collaboration of services; a vehicle for a more cohesive and connected approach across Alice Springs. It makes sense to work in collaboration, to pool our resources and share the common goal to work towards a Child Friendly Alice.



Advisory Group

Contributing to the current way of working is an Advisory Group made up of a diverse range of non-government and government agencies. The role of this Group is to share their work, provide expertise and insight, seek opportunities to work collaboratively, to advise on service issues and solutions, and to provide direction and feedback to Working Groups. Members are leaders in their field or represent their community with considerable experience of the key issues relating to the Alice Springs community.

Backbone Group

This work relies on coordination and support to bring people and information together to drive the action. This support is in the form of a Backbone Group. Currently the Child Friendly Alice Backbone is made up of four agencies; Anglicare, Red Cross, Connected Beginnings and Larapinta Child and Family Centre. Organisations and individuals with the capacity to contribute to this evolving group are encouraged to join.

Working Groups

Community members and service partners form action oriented groups with a specific focus linked to the overarching local action plan. The work is driven by community identified need, is collective in nature and guided by Results Based Accountability.