### **Centre for Community Child Health**



## What is it about where you live that can make a difference to child development? Montreal, 2017

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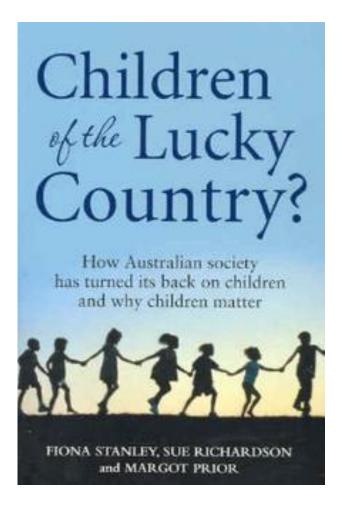






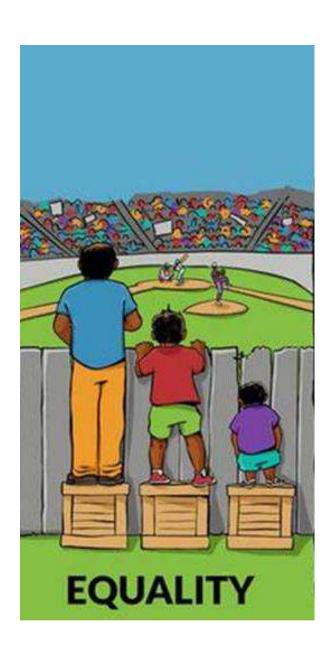




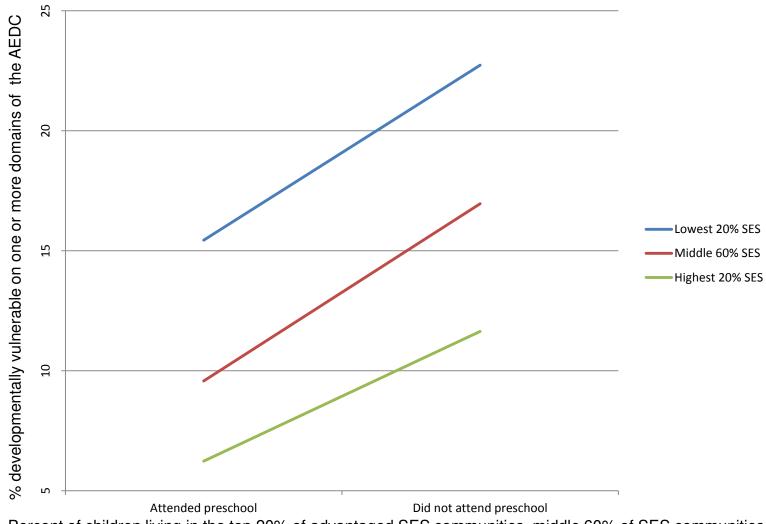


"A society that is good to children is one with the smallest possible inequalities for children, with the vast majority of them having the same opportunities from birth for health, education, inclusion and participation."

(Stanley, Richardson & Prior, 2005)

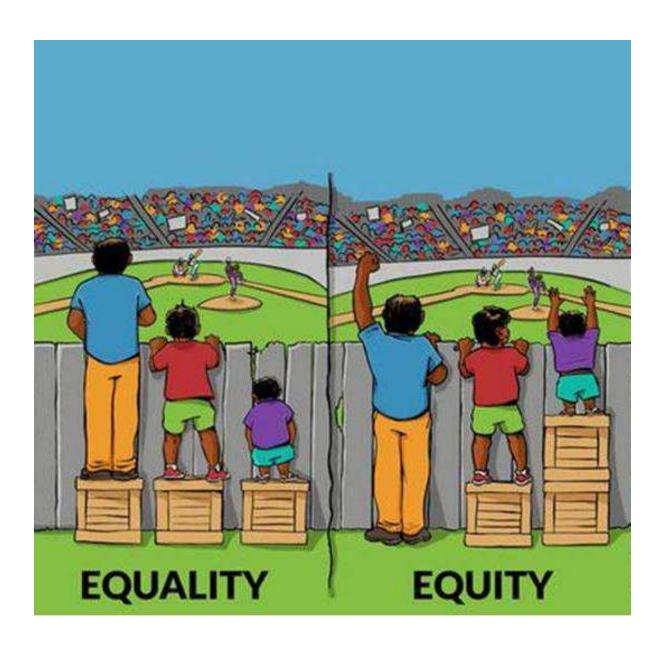


## ECEC and child developmental vulnerability (AEDC)

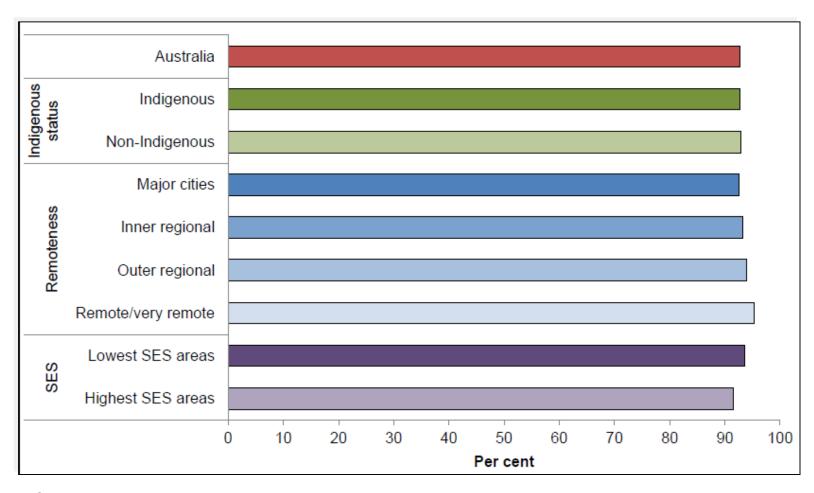


Percent of children living in the top 20% of advantaged SES communities, middle 60% of SES communities, and bottom 20% of disadvantaged communities who are developmentally vulnerable on two or more AEDC domains.

**Goldfeld, S.,** O'Connor, E., O'Connor, M., Sayers, M., Moore, T., Kvalsvig, A., & Brinkman, S. The Role of Preschool in Promoting Children's Healthy Development: Evidence from an Australian Population Cohort. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*.2015. doi: 10.1016/j.ecresq.2015.11.001 (AEDI)

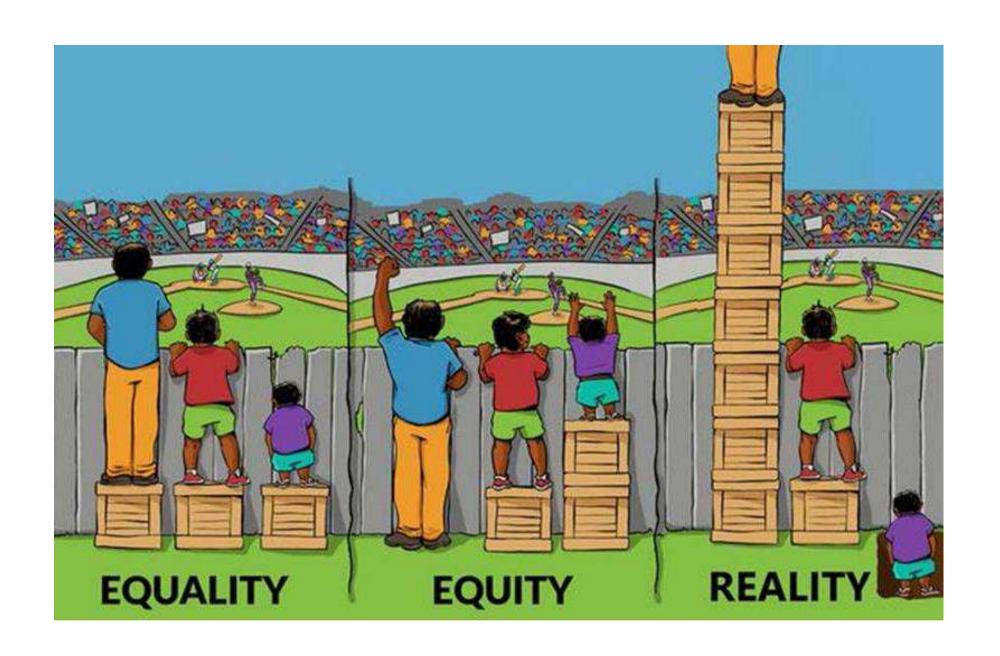


## Two-year-old children on the ACIR who are fully immunised, by selected population groups, 2011



Source:

A Picture of Australia's Children 2012 Australian Childhood Immunisation Register,



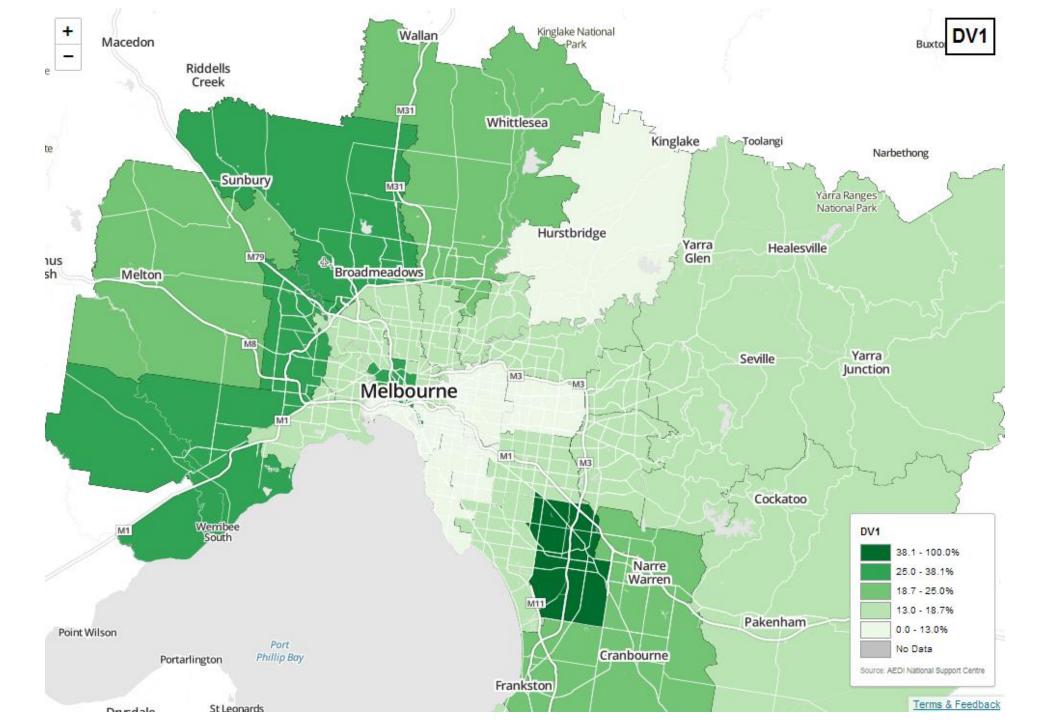
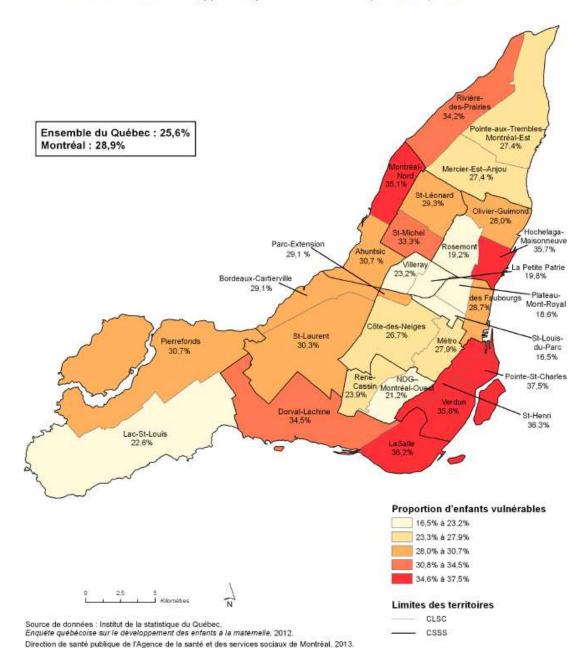
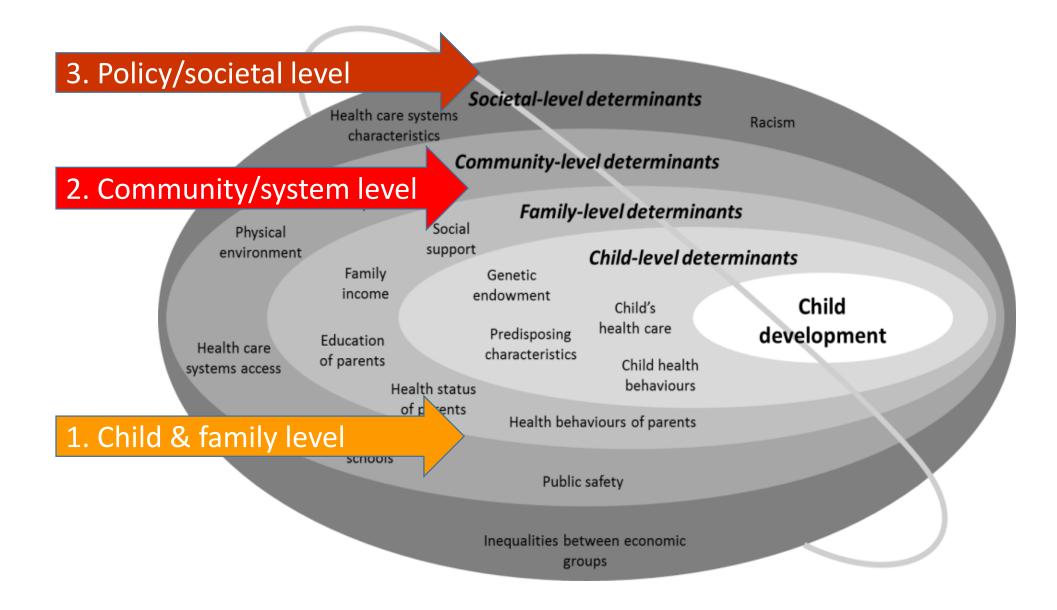


Figure 6 : Proportion d'enfants de maternelle vulnérables dans au moins un domaine de développement par territoire de CLSC, Montréal, 2012

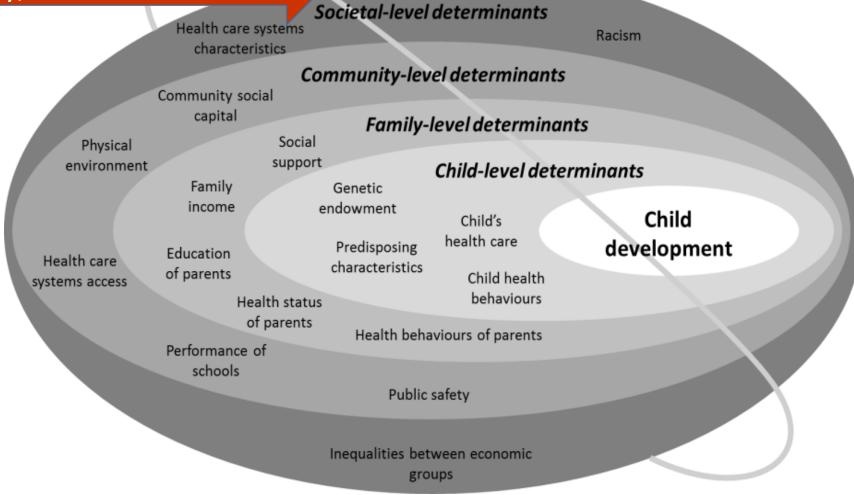


PORTRAIT SYNTHÈSE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DES ENFANTS À LA MATERNELLE POUR LES TERRITORIES DE CLSC DE MONTRÉAL

Résultats de l'Enquête québécoise sur le développement des enfants à la maternelle (EQDEM, 2012)



## 3. Policy/societal level



Newacheck, PW, Rising, JP & Kim, SE 2006, 'Children at risk for special health care needs', *Pediatrics*, vol. 118, pp. 334-342



Fairness for Children
A league table of inequality in child
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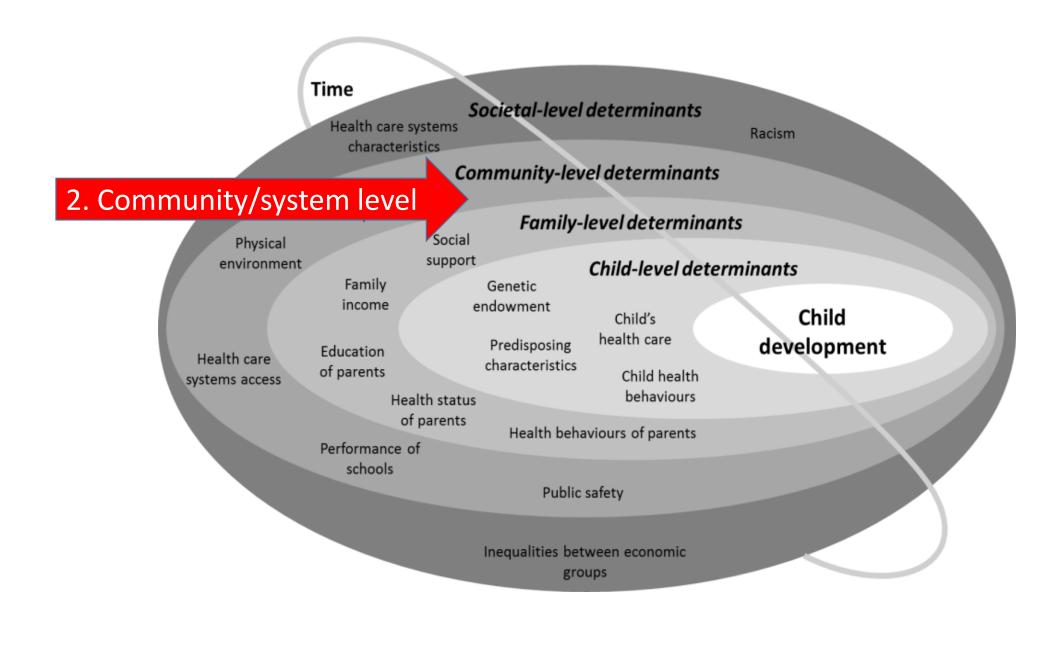
#### League Table 1 Inequality in income

Rank	Country	Relative income gap	Child poverty rate (50% of the median)
1	Norway	37.00	4.5
2	Iceland	37.76	6.4
3	Finland	38.34	3.7
4	Denmark	39.54	4.8
5	Czech Republic	39.62	6.3
6	Switzerland	39.64	7
7	United Kingdom	39.94	9.3
8	Netherlands	40.64	5.7
9	Luxembourg	41.21	13
10	Ireland	41.49	6.9
11	Austria	41.87	9.6
12	Germany	43.11	7.2
13	France	43.95	9
14	Australia	44.75	9.3
15	Republic of Korea	45.74	8
16	Sweden	46.23	9.1
17	New Zealand	46.52	11
18	Cyprus	47.19	9.1
19	Slovenia	47.29	8.3
20	Malta	48.21	14.5
21	Hungary	48.34	15
22	Belgium	48.41	10.1
23	Poland	51.76	14.5
24	Canada	53.19	16.9
25	Slovakia	54.21	13.7
26	Croatia	54.59	14.8
27	Lithuania	54.81	17.8
28	Estonia	55.55	12.4
29	Turkey	57.07	22.8
30	United States	58.85	20
31	Chile	59.03	26.3
32	Latvia	59.66	16.3
33	Portugal	60.17	17.4
34	Japan	60.21	15.8
35	Italy	60.64	17.7
36	Spain	62.62	20.2
37	Israel	64.58	27.5
38	Greece	64.69	22.3
39	Mexico	65.00	24.6
40	Bulgaria	67.01	23.1
41	Romania	67.08	24.3

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## Investigating community-level influences on early child development: What is it about where you live that can make a difference?











## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

- Population measure of child development
- Triennial data collections:
  - 2009: 261,147 children (97.5%\*)
  - 2012: 289,973 children (96.5%\*)
  - 2015: 302,003 children (96.5%\*)
- **Teacher-report:** Teachers complete an online checklist for each child in their first year of formal full-time school\* (approx. 5 years old)
- Five AEDC domains: Physical health, emotional maturity, language, communication skills and general knowledge



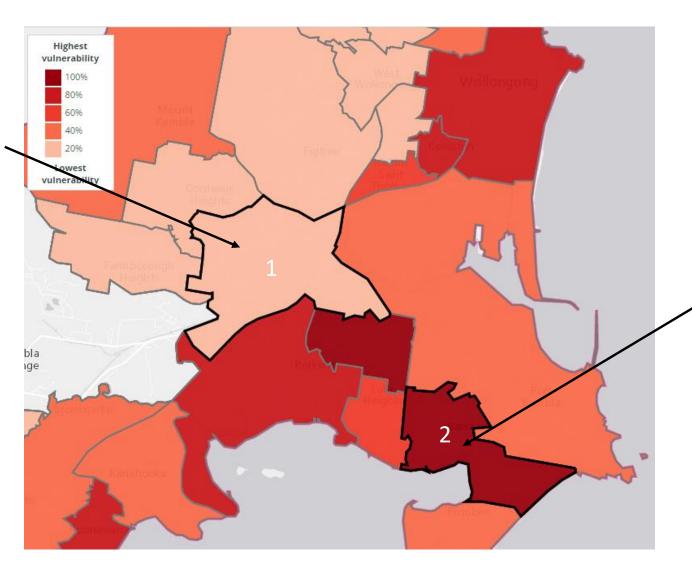






## Learning from extremes....an example

Off-diagonal positive Low SES, good ECD



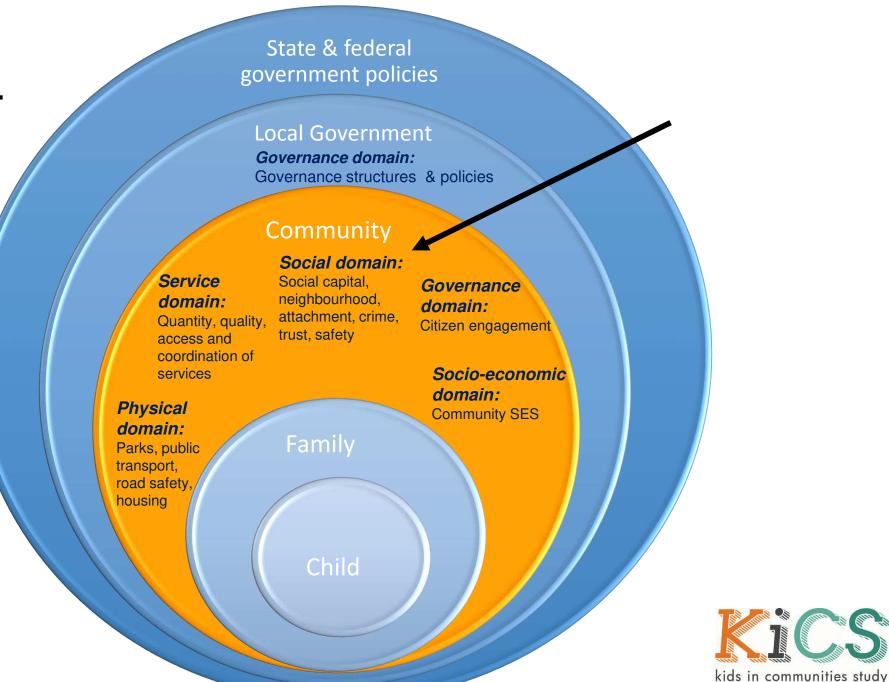
On-diagonal disadvantaged (-)

Low SES, poor ECD

SES: socio-economic status; ECD: Early child development

Beyond socioeconomic status...

Are there other community-level factors that can make a difference?



Kids in Communities Study Goldfeld at al Social Indicators, 2014

## Environments of influence

Domains/ Environments	Key proposed indicator areas		
Physical	Parks, public transport, road safety, housing		
Social	Social capital, neighbourhood attachment, crime, trust, safety		
Socio-economic	Community SES, Community demographics		
Service	Quality, quantity, access, coordination		
Governance	Citizen engagement, governance structures and policies		

25 local communities in Australia



## Measuring the domains...a mixed methods approach

	Method	Source/s	Туре	Governance	Physical	Socioeconomic	Service	Social
1	Stakeholder interviews	Primary data	Qual <sup>1</sup>	X	X	х	X	X
2	Parent focus group	Primary data	Qual <sup>1</sup>	x	X	x	x	X
3	Practitioner focus group	Primary data	Qual <sup>1</sup>	X	X	x	x	X
4	Policy documents	Primary data	Qual <sup>1</sup>	x	X	x	X	
5	Service survey	Primary data	Quant <sup>2</sup>				x	
6	Community survey	Primary data	Quant <sup>2</sup>	X	X		x	X
7	GIS and park audits	Primary data, Existing data	Quant <sup>2</sup>		X		x	
8	Service template	Primary data, Existing data	Qual <sup>1</sup> / Quant <sup>2</sup>				X	
9	Community demographics	Existing data	Quant <sup>2</sup>			x		

Qual<sup>1</sup>: qualitative data (orange); Quant<sup>2</sup> data" quantitative data (green)



136 interviews (10-15 stakeholders per community)



50 focus groups

(1 Parent & 1 Service provider group per local community)



Local policy documents



# What are some preliminary qualitative findings so far?



## Main qual themes and patterns: off vs. on-diagonals



#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC

- SES diversity
- Housing affordability:Gentrification



#### **SOCIAL**

- Role of stigma
- Sense of community
- Perceived risk of crime



#### **PHYSICAL**

- Quality of facilities and parks
- · Public housing
- Housing density



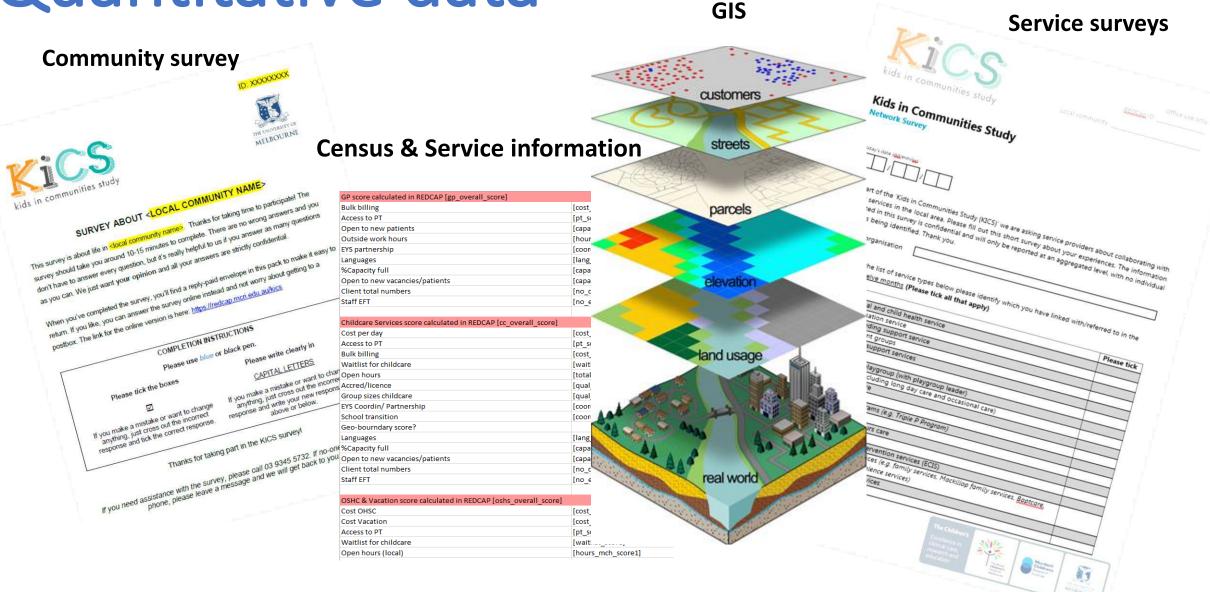
#### **SERVICES**

 Potentially service models eg hubs



#### **GOVERNANCE**

 Presence of local governance groups and champions Quantitative data



## Geographic Information Systems (GIS)









Walkability and cyclability

**Traffic** 

**Destinations** 

**Greenness** 











Connectivity

Housing

**Density** 

**Crime** 

**Aesthetics** 

## Main quant findings across the off vs. on-diagonals



#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC

- Rental type
- Transport to work
- Income diversity
  - -Employment



#### SOCIAL

 No significant results from community survey



#### PHYSICAL

- Availability and use of parks
- Availability of local family destinations
- Traffic exposure



#### **SERVICES**

Data still being collected



#### **GOVERNANCE**

 No significant results from community survey

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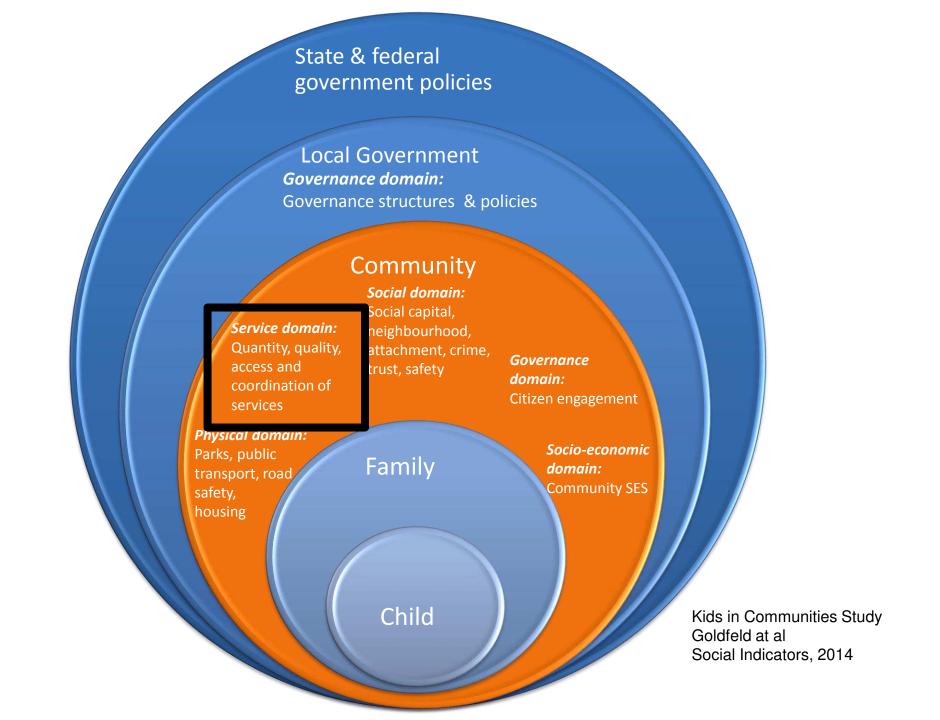


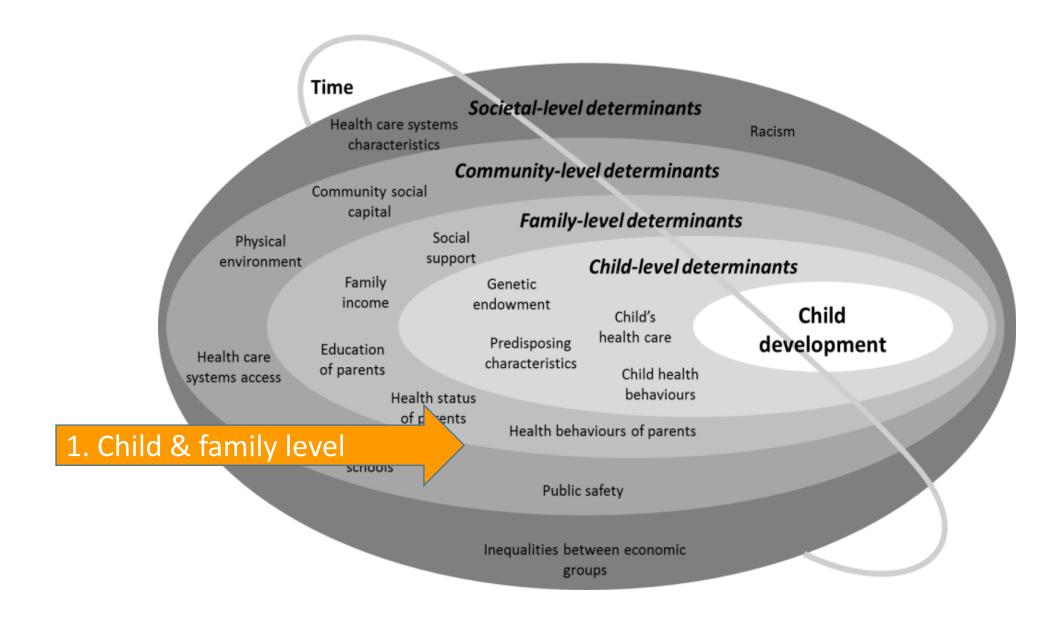




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## Restacking the Odds: Reducing Inter-generational Disadvantage in Australia



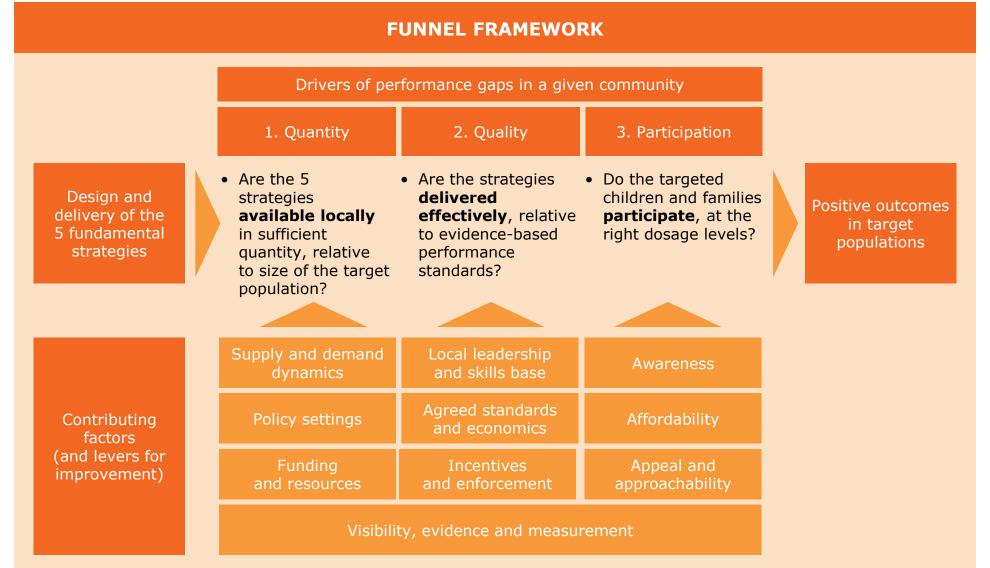
## **Five fundamental strategies**



	FIVE FUNDAMEN	TAL STRATEGIES		
Antenatal	Early childhood  Birth to 2 years 2-5 years		School years  School-based early intervention  Targeted at all kids School-based Outcomes: children on optimal learning pathway by Year 3	
<ul> <li>Antenatal support</li> <li>Targeted at parents</li> <li>Centre-based</li> <li>Outcomes: healthy baby weight, good brain health, appropriate care, "adequate parenting"</li> </ul>				
Sustained nurse home visiting  Targeted at disadvantaged parents  Health and development support  Home-based  Outcomes: parents develop parenting skills		<ul> <li>Parenting programs</li> <li>Targeted at parents whose children have behavioural issues (higher prevalence in disadvantaged families)</li> <li>Centre-based, delivered in groups or 1:1</li> <li>Outcomes: remedy of specific emerging behavioural issues</li> </ul>		

## **Funnel framework**: Our intent is to assess on-the-ground gaps that compromise outcomes





## Prioritisation matrix



#### **ILLUSTRATIVE**

PRIORITISATION MATRIX					
		Drivers of performance gaps in a given community			
		Quantity	Quality	Participation	
5 fundamental strategies	Antenatal support	•	•	•	
	Sustained nurse home visiting	M	•	M	
	Early childhood education and care	•	M	M	
	Parenting programs	M	M	•	
	School-based early intervention	•		•	
		<ul> <li>Are the strategies         available locally in         sufficient quantity,         relative to size of the         target population?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Are the strategies delivered effectively, relative to evidence- based performance standards?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do the targeted children and families participate, at the right dosage levels?</li> </ul>	



Many things we need can wait, the child cannot.

Now is the time his bones are being formed, his blood is being made, his mind is being developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow, his name is today.



Gabriela Mistral (1889-1957)