

TOWARD A PRE-DSS SYSTEM: LAYING PRIMARY PREVENTION FOUNDATIONS FOR NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY IN THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS

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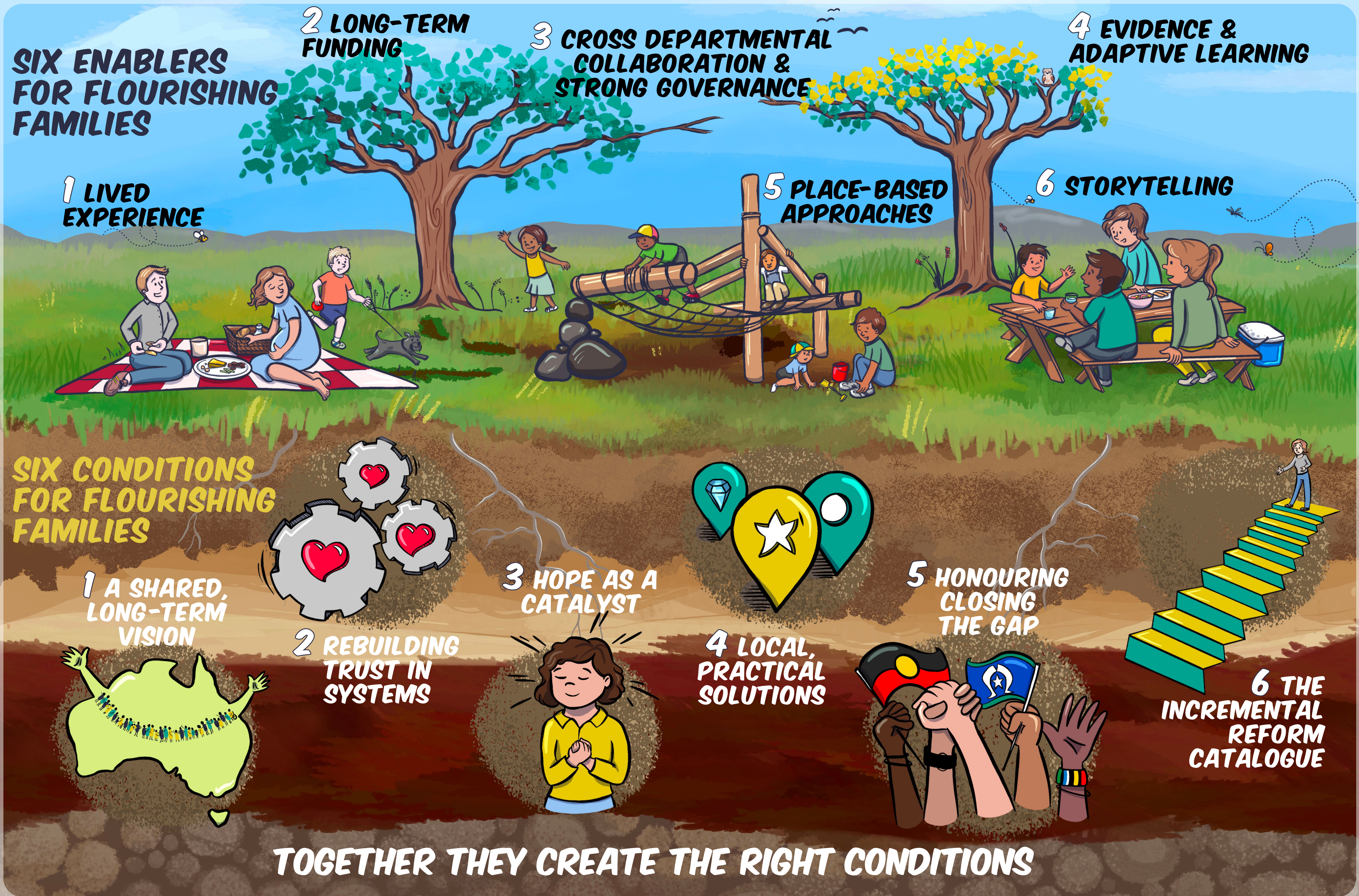
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LONG-TERM FUNDING

Short-term grants don't lead to lasting change. Stable, long-term investment allows good programs to grow and succeed. It's not just fair – it's financially smart. Drawing directly from evidence gathered from the incremental reform catalogue, this will show what, where and when long term funding is needed and how philanthropy can best double down on its contributions in order to see families flourish.

CROSS DEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION & STRONG GOVERNANCE

Big challenges need joined-up thinking. Government departments must work together, not in silos. National frameworks like the NPPF can be the structure that holds this collaboration together, with accountability built in.

EVIDENCE & ADAPTIVE LEARNING

We should learn as we go. Adaptive methods help services improve in real time, based on what's working. With good data and feedback, systems can be more responsive and build trust.

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LIVED EXPERIENCE

People who've lived through challenge know what needs to change. Their insights must shape the policies and systems that affect their lives, they are experts too.

STORYTELLING

Stories are powerful. When families share their real experiences, they inspire change, guide funding, and show where services need to improve. Sometimes the biggest change is in how, not how much, we deliver.

PLACE-BASED APPROACHES

Communities know what works best for them. When they lead and are supported to design solutions like navigator, peer to peer models and universal parenting programs across the first 1000 days, outcomes are more relevant, resilient, and inclusive.

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A SHARED, LONG-TERM VISION

Australia needs a big, inspiring vision for families and children – one that lasts beyond election cycles. This vision should be shared by communities and backed by independent oversight, giving direction and hope for the future. Families need a vision they see themselves in.

REBUILDING TRUST IN SYSTEMS

Many families feel let down by the systems meant to support them. Trust can be rebuilt through honest communication, real accountability, and listening to families. When people feel seen and heard, they're more willing to engage.

HOPE AS A CATALYST

Hope isn't vague – it's powerful. Families need to see real progress, not just promises. When change feels possible, people act. Governments must show that better systems aren't just possible—they're happening.

LOCAL, PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

One-size-fits-all doesn't work. Solutions must be tailored to each place, designed with communities, and supported by long-term commitment from governments and philanthropy.

HONOURING CLOSING THE GAP

Real change means shifting power. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must lead solutions that respect culture, ensure shared decisions, and protect data. When culture is central, everyone benefits.

THE INCREMENTAL REFORM CATALOGUE

Developed by SEED Futures, it's a practical tool for making small but meaningful system changes. Grounded in real family experiences, it clearly shows who needs to act, what needs to change, when the change is needed and how to measure success.

Piloted in Tasmania, it helps make reform more human, more local, and more achievable—one step at a time. It's designed so that everyone benefits, especially the families currently being left behind.

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Just like preparing a healthy garden bed, change takes planning, patience, and care. These six conditions and six enablers create an ecosystem where families and children can truly thrive—especially in the first 1000 days.

SEED Futures' National Primary Prevention Framework brings that vision and structure, helping every part of the system play its role, with the INCREMENTAL REFROM CATALOGUE as the engine room.