An important study.
About immigrant families with young children.

Tell us your story by
Friday 11 October 2019.
What is a Parliamentary Inquiry?

The Victorian Parliament wants to hear about

- things that work
- things to change.

They call it a Parliamentary Inquiry.

We will call it a study.

The name of this study is the

Parliamentary Inquiry into early childhood engagement of culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
Who will do this study?

There are 7 people on a committee.
They are from the Victorian Parliament.
They want to listen to
• your story
• stories of other families new to Australia.

They will listen to experts from
• Australia
• around the world.

They will read lots of reports.

They will write a report at the end.
Who is this study about?

This study is about

- young children and
- their families.

It is for people that live in Victoria.

But

You come from different countries.
You were born in a different country.
This can be called

- a different background
- culturally diverse
- a culturally and linguistically diverse community

or

- an immigrant family.

We will use the word **immigrant**.

You speak a different language.

You may read a different language.

and

You may speak or read

- no English
- a little English.
You may be a migrant.

or

You may be an asylum seeker or refugee.

You may have different religions, like

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Jewish
- Muslim.
What age groups do we want to hear about?

We want to hear about services you used when your child

- was a baby
- was a small child
- went to childcare
- went to kindergarten.

We also want to hear about when your child

- starts school
- until they are 8 years old.
What things do we want to hear about?

There are lots of things we want to hear.

Like

• what are important things for your child
• what services work
• what services do not work
• how to give you information about services

and

We want to make sure you do not feel cut off

• from other people
• from the community.
We want to hear how you
• find the help you need
• use the services you need

and

• what needs to change.

We want to know what helps you to take part in the community.
You can tell us

• things that are good

or

• things that are not good. Like
  - the services cost too much
  - there are too many forms
  - information is only in English.

We want to hear about places where your child learns and plays. Like

• childcare
  • kindergarten

• playgroups

• playgrounds

• community centres
or

- sport. Like swimming or ball games
- library.

We want to hear about help you get as a parent.

Like

- how to get your baby to sleep
- what parent groups you join.

We want to hear about help you get for your child to be safe and ready for

- childcare
- kindergarten
- school.
We want to hear about help you get for health things for your child. Like

- childhood vaccinations
- when do you need to see a doctor.

We want to hear about help and information for

- your own mental health
- your child's mental health.

We want to hear about help and information you get when your child has a disability.

It can be about help for your child to learn English.
What places do we want to hear about?

We want to hear about any place in Victoria.

It may be

- playgroups
- baby services. Like Maternal and Child Health Services
- kindergarten
- childcare.
It may be
- your doctors office
- hospital
- groups near where you live
- library near where you live
- primary school.
You may use services from

- your local council.

- the Victorian Government
- the Australian Government

or

- any other place you go with your family.
Tell us your story

Tell us your story or ideas by Friday 11 October 2019.

You can write a letter.

Do you need help to write your letter?
We can help you write in English.

Call us 03 8682 2843
Send your letter to

Parliament of Victoria.
Legislative Assembly
Legal and Social Issues Committee.
Parliament House, Spring Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002

or

Email your letter to
CALDchildinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au

The Committee will read your letter.

Then
We put all letters on our website.

Other people can
- see your name
- not see where you live
- not see your phone number.

But

You can also say you do not want your letter on the website. Write this in your letter.

You can do a survey on the website.

Go to

Rules about the information

This study is done by people in the parliament.
There are rules for the study.
They are called Parliamentary Privilege.

You tell us your story.
Your story is covered by the rules.

The rules say

• you can tell us anything
• you will not get into trouble from the law.
Come to a meeting

We will have meetings in

- Melbourne
- other places in Victoria.

Do you want to come to a meeting?

You need to tell us.

Call us 03 8682 2843

Email CALDchildinquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au

We will put the dates on our website.
More information

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