



# WA First 1,000 Days Framework – July Update

## The Framework

The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS), on behalf of WA health, is leading the development of a WA First 1,000 Days Framework in collaboration with other government and non-government agencies and the community.

The first 1,000 days is the earliest stage of human development, from the time of conception through to a child's second birthday. This critical window of early childhood development has a profound and lasting impact on a child's future well-being and potential.

The Framework will be future-focused and will specify strategic direction across WA for the first 1,000 days. The document will include:

- the importance of the first 1,000 days
- evidence of what works
- consumer voices
- guiding principles, and
- will identify enablers for the implementation of the Framework.

It will not include implementation plans, funding recommendations, or workforce planning.

## Symposium

To inform the development of the First 1,000 Days Framework, CAHS held a symposium on 29 April 2024. It brought together 95 government, non-government stakeholders and consumers to discuss the importance of the first 1,000 days and identify key priorities for action.

The symposium was a full day event with sessions dedicated to:

- Priorities for prevention and early identification in the first 1,000 days
- Accessibility of services in the first 1,000 days

- Connection and coordination of services in the first 1,000 days
- Outcomes achieved through the development of the framework

The feedback and insights provided at the symposium will inform the drafting of the Framework.

## Consultation

Following the symposium, the project team has continued to consult with key stakeholders and consumers, including the establishment of a project **Consumer Advisory Group** with representation from across WA. This group has met twice, providing key feedback on the project and will ensure the consumer voice is embedded in the Framework.

An **Interagency Group** has also been established. Led by CAHS, it has representatives from key government agencies, including Department of Communities, Department of Education, Commission for Children and Young People and the Mental Health Commission.

In addition, a [First 1,000 Days Framework webpage](#) has been launched. This will be the primary way in which information will be shared, including how you may be involved in this project. Please refer to the [timeline](#) for project updates.

## FHRI Funding for innovators available!

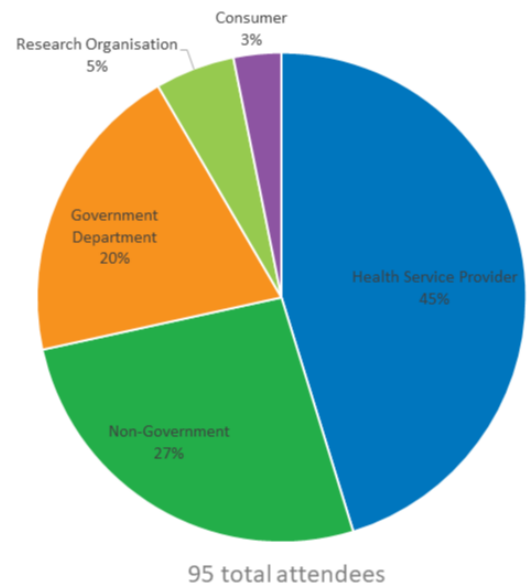
The Minister for Medical Research; Science and Innovation has announced the next new grant opportunities to be funded by the WA Future Health Research & Innovation Fund (FHRI), including one for the First 1,000 days – connection, accessibility and prevention as part of the [Targeted Call – Health System Solutions](#) program.

This program is open to applications from WA Innovators (which includes health services, universities, medical research institutes and industry) to propose innovative solutions.

Successful Innovators will be awarded between \$50,000 and \$500,000 (ex GST) to undertake innovation activities to address this challenge.

Applications close **1:00pm (AWST), Thursday 29 August 2024.**

First 1000 Day Framework Symposium Attendees



For more information and to apply please access the WA FHRI program [website](#).

## Next steps

The First 1,000 Day Project Team will continue to deliver consumer and stakeholder consultation in August 2024, to gather further information to inform the development of the framework before broader consultation in later 2024.

Please visit [The First 1,000 Days Framework](#) webpage for further information and project updates.

For additional information or any queries, please contact the team via email [first1000days@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:first1000days@health.wa.gov.au).