The B4 Early Years Coalition is part of the Tasmanian Government’s commitment to providing quality early learning and development experiences for all young children, regardless of where they live or their family background.

The B4 Early Years Coalition will connect people and organisations from across the Tasmanian community who are committed to supporting children from birth to age 4 and their families.

The name B4 represents the early years of a child’s life from birth to age four; the years ‘before’ a child begins full-time school. These early years are a time of rapid change and development for children, as they learn and grow and discover the world around them. B4 also represents the time before birth, recognising the importance of this very early stage of development.
Positive experiences in the first years of a child’s life can set them on a path for wellbeing and success throughout their lives. Supporting young children and their families in the early years offers a unique opportunity to build happier, healthier lives for young Tasmanians.

Support for young children and their families is a whole of community responsibility. The B4 Early Years Coalition will bring together different groups and individuals to think about what we want for our youngest citizens and how the community can work together to achieve these common goals.

The B4 Early Years Coalition is co-chaired by the Chair of the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation, Elizabeth Daly and the Tasmanian Commissioner for Children, Mark Morrissey, who are both passionate supporters of Tasmania’s children and the importance of the early years in influencing the future life chances of our young people.

The B4 Early Years Coalition will be made up of:
- **B4 Early Years Coalition Leaders**: influential individuals from diverse backgrounds who will represent and engage groups and individuals across identified sectors
- **B4 Early Years Coalition Members**: organisations that are committed to supporting children in the early years and their families
- **B4 Early Years Coalition Supporters**: individuals who are committed to supporting children in the early years and their families.

Founding members of the B4 Early Years Coalition will include former members of the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation.

Community grants will be available to contribute to initiatives or partnerships that aim to improve outcomes for children from birth to age 4.

**How can you get involved?**

There will be an opportunity for community leaders and professionals to express interest in being appointed as a B4 Early Years Coalition Leader.

All organisations and individuals who are committed to supporting children in the early years and their families will have an opportunity to become Members and Supporters of the B4 Early Years Coalition.

For more information please visit [www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au) or email [comments@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:comments@education.tas.gov.au).