**HoPES Program**

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The HoPES (Home Parenting Education & Support Service) program, developed and delivered by Tweddle within a Family Partnership model offers intensive individualised in home parenting support. The program was developed in response to amendments to the Child Youth and Families Act in 2015 whereby services were required to focus on supporting family reunification and preservation.

The HoPES program aims to preserve the family unit and support families during reunification. It is informed by child development and the impact trauma can have on a baby or toddler. The HoPES program works through a lens of the infant to increase infant mental health outcomes for vulnerable infants.

HoPES staff actively engage parents to improve outcomes. The aim of the program is to support and educate families with vulnerabilities who are involved with Child Protection. Practitioners work in partnership with families on agreed parenting goals.

The HoPES Program team are dedicated to helping mums and dads gain insights into their very important role as parents. The sharing of strategies and practical approaches to building skills to enable families and parents to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The HoPES program is being evaluated by the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute (MCRI). Initial results have shown an increase in reunification and better outcomes for families.