



**Lisa Singh, MP**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

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## **Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Funding Program – Now Open**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Lisa Singh today encouraged community groups that work with Tasmanian children up to the age of six to apply for a share in \$300,000 worth of grants.

“The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation’s Funding Program aims to support initiatives that foster the crucial early years and therefore improve outcomes for children and families in Tasmania,” Ms Singh said.

“There is a strong body of evidence internationally that demonstrates that interventions during early childhood can lead to larger benefits to a person’s social development and lifestyle that interventions later in life.”

The funding program offers up to \$10,000 for one year (Tier 1), and grants of \$10,000 and over for up to three years (Tier 2).

“To achieve the greatest outcomes, the Foundation is keen to support sustainable projects and encourages collaborative partnerships across the sector,” Ms Singh said.

“This year groups providing services and opportunities to help children develop early literacy and numeracy skills are particularly encouraged to apply.”

The funding program is open to not-for-profit organisations and service providers across the state.

For more information on the program or to access an application form visit [www.earlyyears.org.au](http://www.earlyyears.org.au) , or call 1300 367 863 or email [foundation@earlyyears.org.au](mailto:foundation@earlyyears.org.au)

Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 5 September 2008.

### **FAST FACTS**

The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation’s funding program aims to provide grants to organisations for projects that support and promote the wellbeing, development and learning of Tasmanian children up to the age of six years.

Not-for-profit organisations and service providers from all tiers of Government are eligible to apply for a share in \$300,000.

Applications for the foundation’s grants are open from Monday 14 July and close 5pm Friday 5 September 2008.

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