

Sometimes going to school can be hard. We want to listen to you and support you to feel good about attending school or to explore other learning options.



WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT EDUCATION FAMILY CONFERENCES?

"I liked my advocate, she helped me say what I needed to say."

"I didn't know I could be part of making decisions about my learning."

"My family and mob were there to support."

"It was weird at first but then I felt really good about it ... it was different and it made me feel good and I liked that."

If you need more information, you can:

EMAIL OR CALL:

WATCH A VIDEO:



Scan the QR code to watch a video on what an education family conference is like.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



Scan the QR code to visit our website.

education.sa.gov.au/EFC

NOTES:

EDUCATION FAMILY CONFERENCES

Information for students

"School can be hard sometimes, but I love art and gaming."

"We are here to listen to what you think and what you need."

"I have some ideas that could make things better."



"Together, we can make a great plan."



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WHAT IS AN EDUCATION FAMILY CONFERENCE?

This meeting is about you and your family planning for your schooling and learning.

It supports you - including what you like - and helps with your worries.

Decisions are made by you and your family. The plan will reflect your voice.



A coordinator runs the meeting to make sure everyone has a turn to talk. They are not from the school or the Department for Education. They are independent.

The meetings can be longer than usual school meetings. There are breaks, and we can pause and rest whenever you need.

SUPPORT FOR YOU

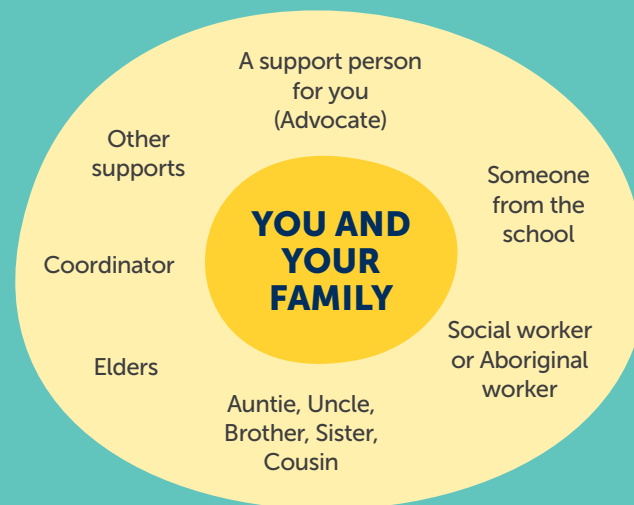
Talking about school and your worries can sometimes be hard.

An advocate will be there to support you during the meeting.

They listen to you and help tell the adults what you want them to know.



WHO GOES TO THE MEETING?



BEFORE THE MEETING

You will meet with your advocate. They can meet you anywhere – for example at home, school or the park.

The advocate wants to better understand your interests, culture, connections, hopes and worries.

They might do this with you by:



This will help the advocate support you in the meeting.

AT THE MEETING

Everyone will have a chance to talk.

We will discuss how you are going and how everyone can help.

The advocate will support you to share your thoughts, or they can speak on your behalf about things like...

What makes you:



happy



sad



worried

What is important to you.

What help you need to learn and get to school.

You will be part of developing your plan with your family.

AFTER THE MEETING

You and your family will have a support person from the Department for Education. This could be a social worker or an Aboriginal Education worker.

They will help you with your goals.

COMING BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

After some time working on the goals, we will all meet again to talk about:

- what went well
- if you are still having some worries
- any other supports you might need.

You might want to develop a new plan or change some of the goals.