

MULTICULTURAL RESOURCES FOR EARLY YEARS EDUCATION



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The range of global and multicultural resources help to support children's learning about their communities, as well as the world in general. These resources aid in the promotion of understanding and acceptance of different cultures, beliefs, languages, families, appearances and lifestyles. As children gain an understanding of their community, they also gain an understanding of themselves. This develops confidence and a sense of identity. Incorporating multicultural resources into play is a great way to introduce these concepts in fun and unobtrusive ways.

Play is an important part of early childhood. Play encourages children to learn, develop and grow whilst they have fun. Through play, children can develop important cognitive and physical skills. Play encourages creativity, imagination, perseverance and the development of language and social skills. (Kesco Resources)

There are a variety of companies that supply a various of multicultural resources which will deliver the resource books to services and then can be purchased on-line or over the phone. For example, KESCO, a resource company that supplies the above products. Multicultural resources help children to understand the people and the world around them, which is aligned with the Learning outcomes for children in early years framework. (Early years Learning Framework, 2009)

BUILDING BELONGING (EARLY LEARNING) Educators engage with the Australian Human Rights Commission's *Building Belonging: A toolkit for early childhood educators on cultural diversity and responding to prejudice*, to involve children in thinking and discussion around the ways in which different sets of rights work together to tackle prejudice, encourage respect and ensure that the rights of all people, regardless of their background, are met with equality and equity.(Narrgunnawali Reconciliation)

ECA is committed to the inclusion of every child in early childhood education and care. Inclusion means that every child has access to, participates meaningfully in, and experiences positive outcomes from early childhood education and care programs. Inclusion resources are an important part of how we support high quality early childhood education and care. You can access these resources and links from this page. (Early Childhood Australia)