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GOVERNMENT GIVES CERTAINTY TO VITAL FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

The announcement today from the federal government on the future of the \$1.5 billion Family Support Program has given more security to not-for-profits delivering vital support services to families and communities around Australia.

FRSA's priorities in the recent Family Support Program consultation that funding is maintained through the provision of longer, four year contracts to current providers has been realised, in addition to other reforms.

"Today's announcement by Minister Collins will give more security to family and relationship service providers, allowing them to employ staff on longer contracts and invest more money in staff development", said FRSA Executive Director Steve Hackett.

"The extensive consultation process delivered by the Department has been successful in making sure our member's voices were heard, and that is reflected in today's announcement."

"FRSA welcome the focus on early intervention and prevention announced today by the Minister, as this will be beneficial to the social and economic well-being of families in Australia."

"We look forward to working with the Minister and the Department on the implementation of these reforms which will hopefully ensure better services to vulnerable families around Australia."

FRSA Executive Director Steve Hackett available for interview.

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