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## Workshop facilitators invited to be part of 2024 Mallee Early Years Conference

Passionate and innovative people from across the early years, family and community service sectors are invited to be part of the 2024 Mallee Early Years Conference (formerly known as the Mildura Early Years Conference).

Expressions of Interest for in-kind support to host workshops at the August 8 event are now open, with people from across the industry encouraged to be part of the program.

The 2024 Conference will be held at SuniTAFE's Mildura campus and feature a keynote address from acclaimed neurodivergent consultant Chirstina Keeble.

Rhonda Smith, Mallee Family Care's Manager of Early Years, said a range of 45-60 minute workshops would also be on offer as part of the Conference program.

"We're putting the call out now for people and organisations to register their interest to volunteer to host a workshop," Ms Smith said.

"This is a great opportunity for professionals who work supporting and promoting child health, development and education to share their passion and knowledge."

"We know there is some incredible, innovative work going on across the Mallee and this is a way to showcase and celebrate that."

The Mallee Early Years Conference brings together professionals, educators and stakeholders from across the early years and family and community service sectors. A long-standing and highly valued event, the Conference is a platform for professionals working with children aged 0-8, to exchange knowledge, insights and best practices.

An advisory committee, made up of representatives from Sunraysia Community Health Services, CatholicCare, MASP, SuniTAFE, Mildura Rural City Council, an early years teacher and Mallee Family Care work to ensure the event reflects and supports the ever-changing needs of the early years sector.

"153 people attended the Conference in 2023, and we're expecting similar numbers again this year," Ms Smith said.

For more information about the Conference or to register an Expression of Interest to host a workshop, call Mallee Family Care on 1300 417 618 or email training@malleefamilycare.com.au

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