



## The Family Link

### Building connections for families in Sebastopol

Raising children can be joyful, demanding and, at times, lonely. The early years bring constant change, and families can benefit from support before challenges build up. Strong, connected families give children the best chance for healthy development and long-term wellbeing. Finding that support or knowing where to look, however, isn't always easy.

**'The Family Link', our new initiative based at Vickers Street Community Hub, is now [here to help](#).**

It's about making it simpler for families to connect with each other, take part in community life, and find the right support when it matters most. The focus is on strengthening everyday relationships that help families feel supported, understood, and able to support others in turn.

At the centre of the initiative is the Social Connector, a dedicated role working alongside families and local services to:

- encourage friendships and informal connections between families
- help groups stay in touch after a program or event finishes
- make local supports more visible and accessible
- connect families with shared interests or experiences
- notice where families may be missing out, and help bridge the gap.

The Social Connector role is being trialled in Sebastopol and will continue to grow in response to local needs and feedback. The aim is to build connections that last and a stronger foundation for children's wellbeing.

### Learn more

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### About us

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) has been providing family and relationship support services across Victoria since 1948.

For over 50 years, we've been supporting the Ballarat community. Our services in Ballarat include counselling, family dispute resolution, and our early matters family program.

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