

ESSENTIALS OF THE CHILD INFORMATION SHARING REFORMS

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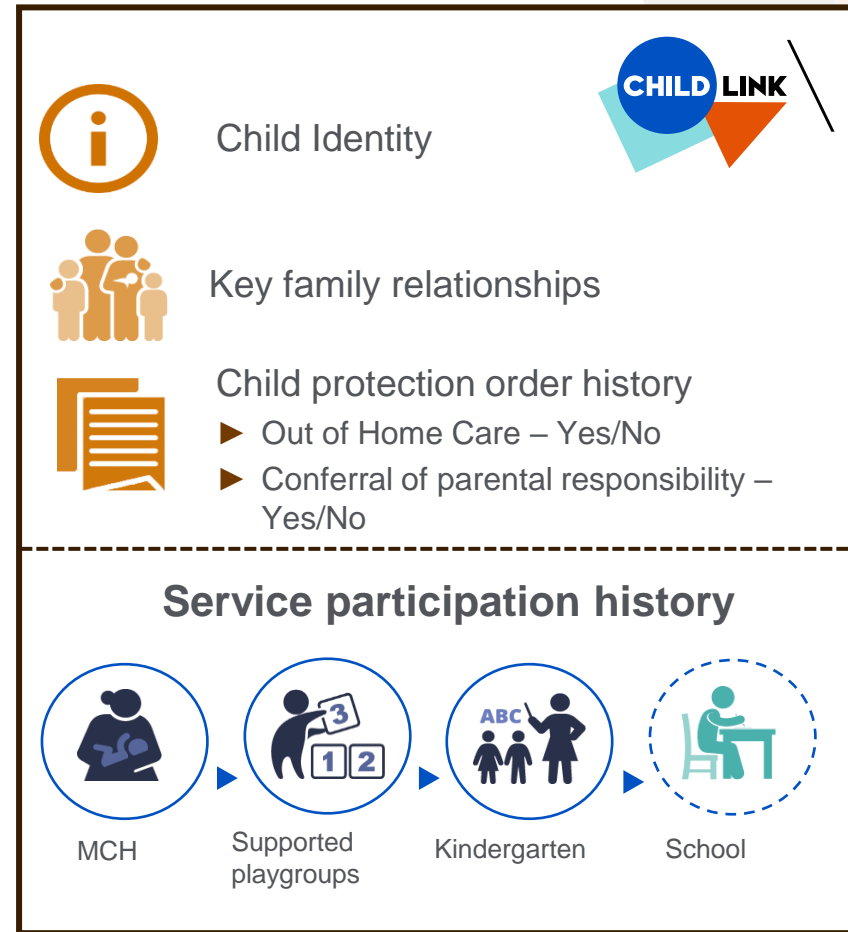
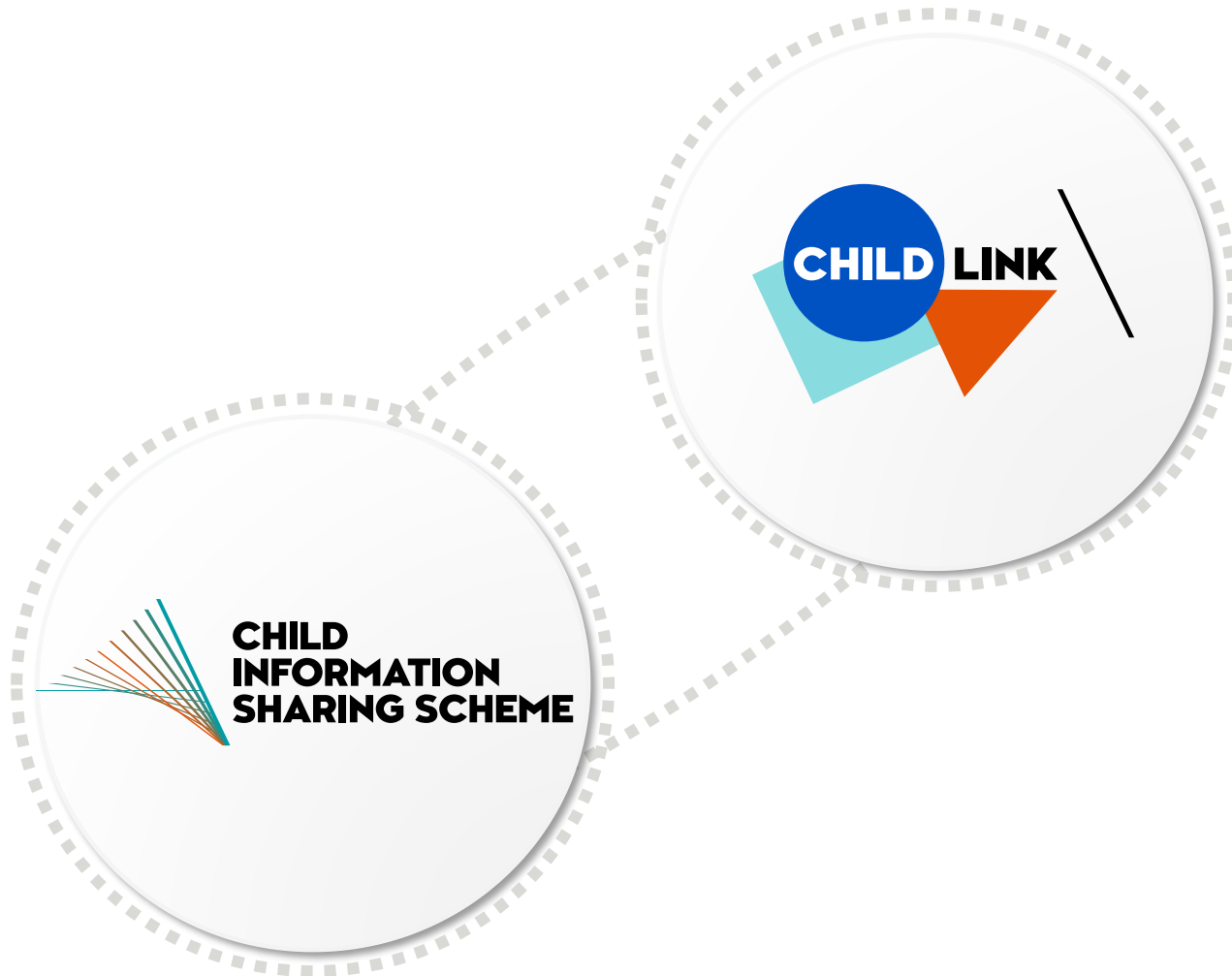
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WHAT ARE THE REFORMS?



CHILD INFORMATION SHARING REFORMS



Benefits for children and families

The Reforms promote the wellbeing and safety of children by:

- Improving earlier identification and enabling earlier support and engagement with relevant services
- Supporting a collaborative, coordinated and integrated approach to service delivery across the service sector
- Empowering professionals to make informed decisions about the needs of the children and families in their care
- Promoting a shared responsibility for wellbeing, safety and identifying and responding to family violence across the service sector



WHO CAN SHARE INFORMATION?

27 September 2018
Phase One

- **Maternal and Child Health services**
- Child Protection
- Integrated family services (including Child First)
- Out-of-Home Care
- The Orange Door (formerly Support and Safety Hubs)
- Specialist family violence services and RAMPs
- Sexual assault services
- Designated Mental health services
- Alcohol and other drugs services
- DHHS Housing and selected homelessness services
- Victoria Police
- Youth Justice & Youth Parole Board
- Justice Health (children and young people only for CIS)
- Victim's Support Agency and Victim Assistance Programs
- Multi Agency Panels for Youth Offending (MAPs)
- Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

<https://iselist.www.vic.gov.au/ise/list/>

19 April 2021
Phase Two



Education Portfolio Workforces

Examples include:

- **Kindergartens**
- **Long day care**
- **Before and After School Hours Care**
- Government schools
- Catholic schools
- Independent schools
- DET funded/delivered student disengagement and wellbeing programs and services
- Relevant non-government school system bodies



Health Portfolio Workforces

Examples include:

- **Community health services**
- **Supported playgroups**
- General practitioners
- General Practice nurses
- Early parenting centres
- Public hospitals
- Ambulance Victoria

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CHILD WELLBEING AND SAFETY OBLIGATIONS



Child Safe Standards



Mandatory Reporting



Reportable Conduct



Existing obligations continue to apply, including mandatory reporting



Duty of Care



Privacy Laws



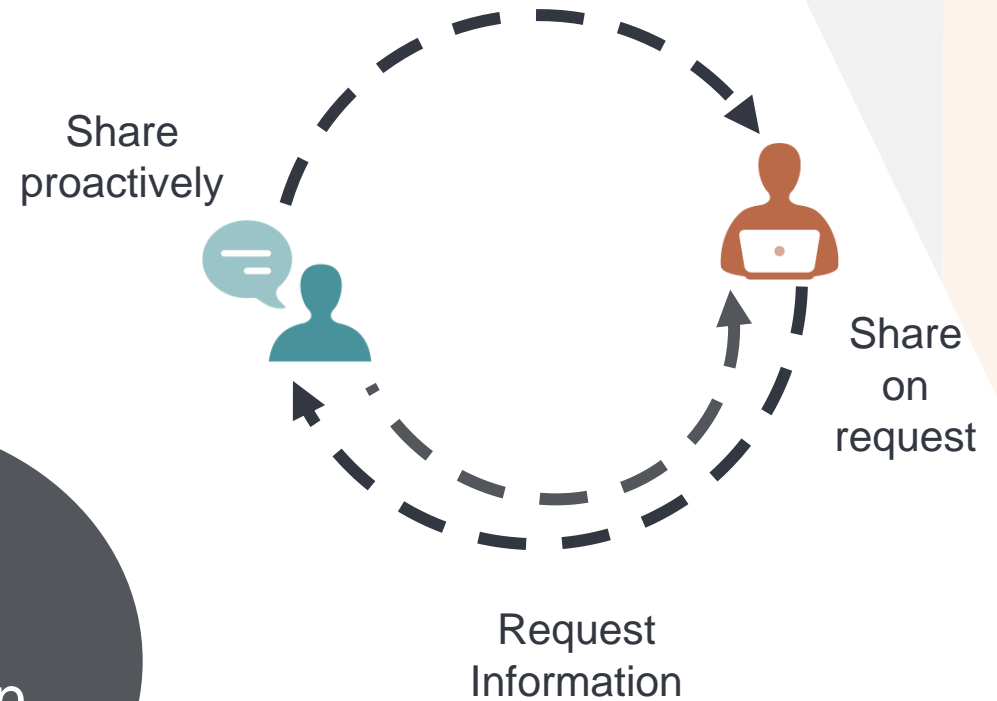
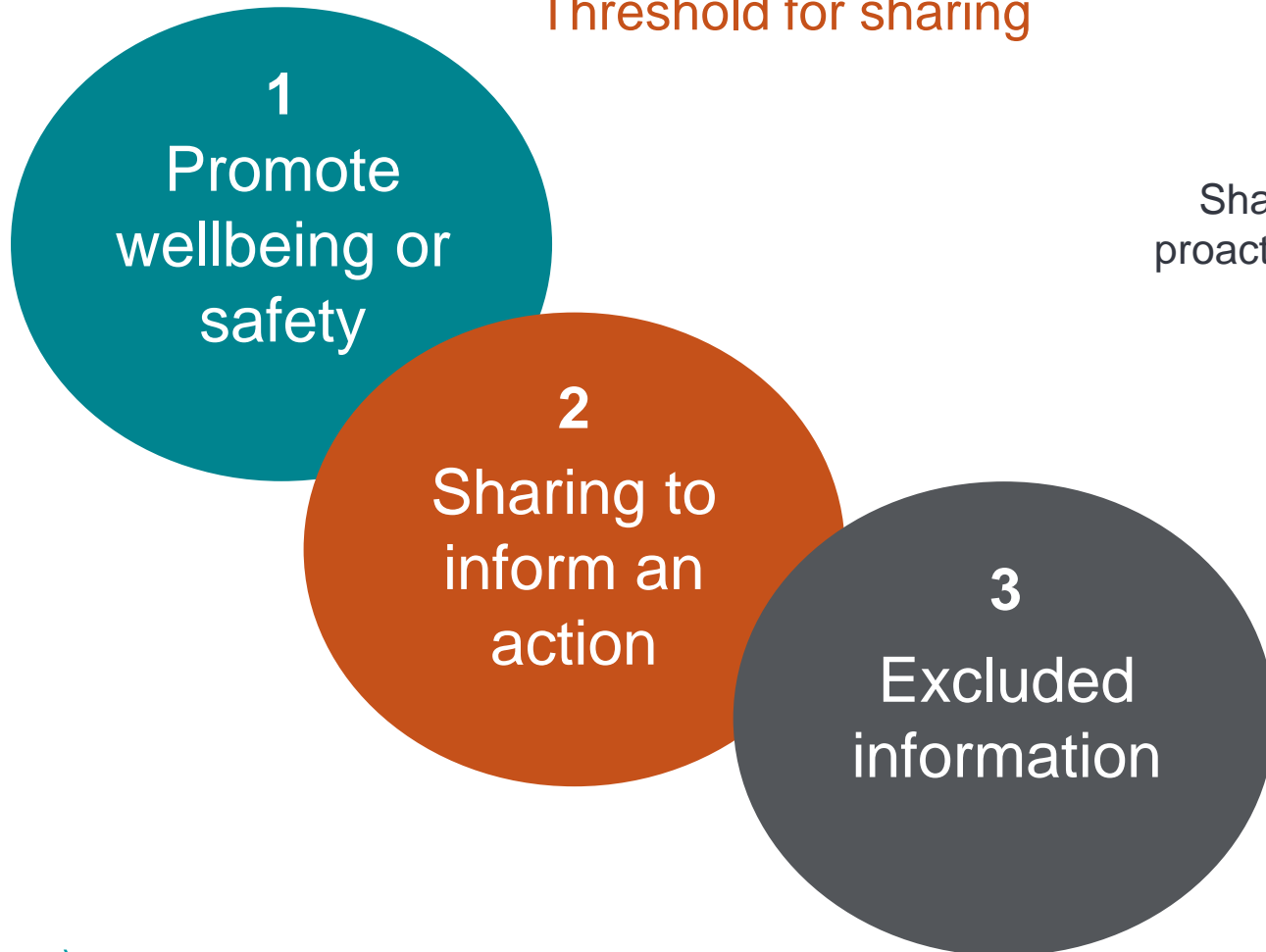
Criminal Laws



CISS and FVISS provide **additional** permissions to share relevant information

CHILD INFORMATION SHARING SCHEME (CISS)

Threshold for sharing



FAMILY VIOLENCE INFORMATION SHARING SCHEME (FVISS)

Requirements for sharing



WHAT'S NEW?

The Reforms will authorise prescribed workforces to:

Respond to all requests for information to promote child wellbeing or safety and/or assess and manage risk of family violence
(mandatory)

Request information to promote child wellbeing or safety and/or manage risk of family violence

Proactively share information to promote child wellbeing or safety and/or manage risk of family violence



SAFEGUARDS FOR THE REFORMS



Only prescribed organisations and services can share



Organisations are bound by Ministerial Guidelines



Professionals (ISEs) are trained and have access to supporting resources



Good faith defence provides protection for professionals



Complaints can be lodged



Offences and penalties for inappropriate use

SUPPORTING READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Roles and responsibilities

- Identify who needs to be involved and how

Build capability

- Build on existing skills and knowledge and complete relevant training (min. 1 leader and 2 professionals)

Policies and procedures

- Review and update/develop organisational policies and procedures
- Establish an initial point of contact

Systems and technology

- Are there any changes required to support the Reforms?

Culture

- What is the existing culture for sharing information?

EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR WORKFORCES

Resources and supports:

- ▶ Toolkit and Contextualised Guidance for Education workforces:
[Child protection privacy and information sharing \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://education.vic.gov.au/child-protection-privacy-and-information-sharing)
- ▶ ISE List:
<https://iselist.www.vic.gov.au/ise/list/>
- ▶ Online resources:
 - ▶ www.mav.asn.au
 - ▶ infosharing.vic.gov.au
- ▶ Enquiry line:
 - ▶ 1800 549 646
 - ▶ CISandFVIS@education.vic.gov.au

Training

- ▶ Register for training:
<https://elearn.childlink.com.au/login/index.php>
- ▶ eLearning modules (MCH & ECEC) and Webinars (ECEC)
- ▶ Specific targeted briefings on request (ECEC)



QUESTIONS



INFORMATION SHARING & FAMILY VIOLENCE REFORMS

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