

# Inquiry into the Thriving Kids Initiative Response to consultation - October 2025

Dietitians Australia calls for food and nutrition to be recognised as a core pillar of the Thriving Kids framework. Nutrition is foundational to children's growth, development, and wellbeing. Accredited Practising Dietitians (APDs) must be embedded across governance, funding, and service models to ensure safe, effective, and equitable care. DA recommends dedicated funding for dietetic services, inclusion of APDs in advisory and regulatory processes, co-design, and integration of nutrition screening, early intervention, and community programs. Embedding APDs across early childhood, education, and health systems will improve outcomes, reduce inequities, and strengthen Australia's investment in children's long-term health.

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