

Selleys No More Gaps for Children & Families

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Step 1 Remove Damaged Tiles & Debris

- The bathroom needs to be ready to be renovated and retiled
- If we place new tiles over damaged and cracked tiles, the wall will not remain intact for very long
- Families need to be ready to move forward for intervention to have any long term impact
- The first step of the support process needs to be to recognise past, but to also recognise that in the future, the bathroom can look however we would like it to
- We cannot ever fully erase our past, but we need to come to a place of peace, recognising that we are who we are because of our past
- Families needs to know that things can change

Step 2 Arrange layout of new tiles

- Once the past of the bathroom has been reconciled, we lay the new tiles out, trying different arrangements
- We use different tiles, shapes and colours, depending on what design we want
- Families need different supports, or have various family supports, strengths, and weaknesses that need to fit together to make a design
- We play around with the new tiles, until we are happy with our new design

Step 3

Use adhesive to install new tiles

- Once we have laid out our new tiles, we need to use the right adhesive to stick the new tiles to the wall, and to make sure they do not fall
- As professionals supporting families, we need to help families use the right “adhesive” and it cannot be us

Step 4

Allow to dry

- The adhesive must be allowed to dry properly, before any more work is done
- Families need to be allowed time to experience new supports and tiles before we keep going

Step 5

Use the right sealant to protect the new tiles

- There are many different sealants available for all types of construction work
- We need to ensure that we use a “wet area” sealant when sealing around our new tiles
- If we use the wrong sealant, the newly tiled wall will not be strong enough to withstand the daily pressures of life
- Sealant for a family, is their capacity to face daily life challenges, without falling beyond repair
- Sealant develops resilience



Are We Using the Right Sealants?

- We have more children, young people and families on waiting lists for support than capacity we have to support them
- We all have our individualised “right way” of thinking and supporting people, so do organisations
- All agencies and organisations have to report against budget allocations, key performance indicators, numbers of participants and more

= BARRIERS

What Can We Do?

- There is a need in Australia to re-establish the child and the family as the primary concern
- There is a need to build further capacity around our kindergartens and primary schools to enhance the wellbeing of our families
- There is a need for all organisations to let government know that we need further funding, and that it is not OK to report against numbers and budgetary amounts, ahead of providing appropriate support to families

= SEALANT that fosters CAPACITY in families

Question Time

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Thank You!

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