



APPLICATIONS

The guidelines are for use by adults who seek to design successful arts programs for young children, taking into account the important role of parents. The guidelines can be used in a wide range of contexts, including festivals, children's programs in communities and institutional settings, and children's policy development. A festival (such as Out of the Box) that positions children at the centre of the cultural space, also acknowledges the important part that parents play in introducing children to opportunities for experiencing and learning through creativity, aesthetic engagement and art appreciation.

It also enables parents, schools and the wider community to see and support children and their learning differently – away from the time, space and institutional constraints of schools and other more formal early childhood settings.

Outcomes for children, parents and communities will be enhanced by the application of these guidelines, in any contexts where young children are introduced to the arts – classrooms, galleries, foyers, public spaces, and other informal learning environments. A healthy community is one in which children and their parents and carers are welcome and visible.

