

# **UNIVERSAL TRANSITION TO SCHOOL STRATEGY**

The Transition to School Project is a joint initiative of Families First (NSW) and the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Families First are a State Government initiative that aims to support parents and carers who are raising children under the age of 8 years.

They have an Early Intervention focus based on research, showing that experiences in the early years have an important influence on brain development.

The TTS project for the Illawarra rolled out in 2004 and has annual funding of \$45,000 for a 3 year period.

A regional steering committee was formed in 2003 to guide this project and consists of representatives from children's services, pre-schools, childcare centres and the Department of Education and Training.

