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NSW Drug Summit is a step towards improving policies for children and families

The NSW government's announcement of the NSW Drug Summit marks a significant stride towards delivering better outcomes for families impacted by alcohol and other drugs.

Fams, the NSW peak body for NGO family and children's services, acknowledge this is an important mechanism to support better policies for children and families.

Fams CEO, Susan Watson, said alcohol and other drug use has a significant intersection within child protection and requires a holistic approach.

"We need to provide a multidisciplinary lens to working with impacted families."

The ongoing lack of funding for community services has placed the sector in a state of crisis. Fams has consistently advocated for increased funding to bolster early intervention and prevention.

"It is imperative to create a support system that breaks cycles of trauma without perpetuating systemic issues. Families impacted by drug use, face complex challenges, including stigma and discrimination,"

"There is a pressing need for a significant boost in evidence-based and suitable rehabilitation services for parents, emphasizing sustained connections to family and community. We need alcohol and drug support services that aim to keep families safe and together."

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