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Moorditj Kulungar's Fran Windon screens four-year-old Ezra Hayden's ears. Picture: Chloe Fraser

LISTEN UP KIDS!

Bright Futures Children's Services held its annual Aboriginal Open Day on Tuesday, October 29, with children offered free hearing tests as part of the Ears2Learn program.

The program, which was founded by Connecting Communities for Kids, focuses on the health and development of children in their early years. As part of the program early childhood educators — under the supervision of EarBus WA — have been trained to screen children's ears and write comprehensive referrals to GPs.

Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams said the important pro-

gram provided valuable insight into child development and gave parents vital information about their child's hearing.

"Research shows that poor ear health is a significant factor in delayed development of young children from birth to age three," she said.

"This, in turn, affects children's ability to start school with the language skills necessary to learn how to read and write.

"Many parents are unaware that their children are not able to hear and often don't find out until school commenced."

Several organisations partnered to deliver Ears2Learn program to Kwinana's Aboriginal community including Communities for Children facilitating partner The Smith Family, Babblingur Mia, and Bright Futures Children's Services.