



Fact Sheet - Occasional Child Care

Occasional child care services provide quality education and care for children from birth to school age in family grouped settings on a casual or irregular basis, as well as emergency care. Children can stay for as little as one hour or longer to meet the individual needs of the family.

Who uses occasional care? Occasional care provides a unique and important service for families for a variety of reasons:

- To enable parents to attend appointments or meetings where it is not suitable for children to attend
- As a stepping stone to preschool or long day care as they can attend for a short period of time
- Where a parent/carer is unwell and unable to meet the needs of their child temporarily
- An opportunity for children to engage in activities in a stimulating environment with educators who are trained in early childhood
- Whilst on the waiting list for preschool or long day care
- A service for parents who have no extended family or other support, or who are new to the area/country
- Family support agencies use occasional care for parents to attend parenting courses, counselling, etc.
- Assisting families to meet their work or study requirements.



Quality Occasional Childcare

- Occasional care services operate under the
 - NSW - Education and Care Services Supplementary Provisions Regulations 2012.
 - VIC – Victorian children's services legislation Child Care Services Act 2007/ Child Care Services Regulations 2007 Child Care Services (Child Care) Regulations 2006.
 - SA- Children's Services (Child Care Centre) Regulations 1998.
 - TAS- Child Care ACT 2001 Centre Based Care Standards Class 4 and Class 5.
- Services provide opportunities to extend and enrich children's learning.
- A quality education and care program is essential for children's learning and educational outcomes.

For more information and how to find your nearest Occasional care centre please visit our website

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