



Understanding Start Strong Funding

Training Package Outline

Start Strong Funding

Start Strong funding programs were recently updated to ensure more affordable preschool for children in NSW. A key change included the introduction of fee relief funding which introduces additional funds to drive affordability for families. With this comes additional funding compliance obligations on services.

CCSA's Understanding Start Strong Funding Training Package

This training will support your understanding of Start Strong funding, Fee Relief funding, and Fee setting with a focus on:

- setting budget projections, including using the DoE planning tool,
- setting fees to meet budget outcomes,
- applying Fee Relief to families' fees, and
- complying with the funding guidelines and spending rules.

These sessions are tailored to your service context and will support your understanding of the impact of these funding programs. The training will show you how to maximise the benefits to:

- your service
- children and
- families

Understanding Start Strong Funding can be delivered online or face to face in two 2hr sessions.

Session 1 is a 2-hour presentation that will develop your understanding of

- the funding models,
- key triggers,
- funding guidelines,
- maximising 600-hour places

The presentation includes using the planning tool to support business decisions.

Session 2 is a 2-hour session demonstrating the role of your budget in setting fees.

This includes:

- key considerations for budget development,
- fee setting to ensure compliance,
- a method of calculating the required fee,
- applying Fee Relief, and
- procedural considerations.

Delivery Mode Options

- Virtual
- Face to face



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