



Early Childhood Education Weekly Update

11 March 2022

Dear services and providers

Services that have been affected by floods are encouraged to visit our ECE [NSW Flood support and assistance](#) page for resources and support.

This page includes assistance available, including the [NSW Government Small Business Grant](#) of up to \$50,000 to help pay for the costs of clean-up and reinstatement of operations.

Families that are seeking alternative arrangements due to a temporary closure of their service, can contact the department on 1800 619 113 or by emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.

Services located in areas that haven't been impacted by adverse flooding, please find key updates and reminders below.

What services across NSW need to know this week:

- Upcoming webinar on child safety reporting obligations.
- Roadshows will be held from 9 - 20 May 2022.
- Reminder to update your service information in NQAITS.
- Community and mobile preschools are invited to have their say.

Sector wide updates

Navigating child safety reporting obligations

We've partnered with the Department of Communities and Justice for a webinar to help educators understand how and when to report child safety issues or concerns.

This will support educators and leaders to understand reporting obligations to keep children safe, including which agencies to report to if there are child safety issues or child protection concerns.

This session is suitable for all service types and educators of all levels and experience are encouraged to attend. It will be recorded and made available on our website following the event.

What to do next

[Register](#) for the webinar on 28 March 2022 at 1:30pm-4pm via Eventbrite.

Roadshows May 2022

The first round of Roadshows for 2022 will be held from 9 - 20 May.

Roadshows are a great opportunity to engage with the department on best practice and regulatory requirements, as well as an opportunity to hear about updates on program and policy initiatives.

This Roadshow will be held virtually and sessions will cover a range of topics.

What to do next

Keep an eye out for more information on the roadshows that will be released shortly.

Reminder to update NQAITS

Many services have closed recently due to COVID-19, or adverse weather conditions across NSW.

For any services that have recently re-opened following a temporary closure, or if your details have changed, we ask you please report this using the [NQAITS Portal](#).

What you should do next

View the [NQAITS Portal guide](#) and follow the steps to update the status of your service within the [NQAITS Portal](#).

More information

If you are unable to access NQAITS to submit an update, contact us by calling 1800 619 113, or emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.

Community and Mobile Preschools

We want your feedback about the Start Strong Free Preschool Program

We've engaged [Rooftop Social](#) to gather feedback on the [Start Strong Free Preschool](#) program. Your feedback will allow us to better understand the impact of levies and additional fees on services and help us design new levy-related funding conditions.

The survey will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will be opening soon.

What to do next

- Keep an eye out for information and the link in the coming week.

More information

Contact the department's Early Childhood Education Programs team (ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au).

Last chance to have your say: Disability Inclusion Program

You are encouraged to complete an [online survey](#) as part of an evaluation of the Disability Inclusion Program (DIP). All preschools are encouraged to participate, including those that have not engaged with the DIP.

What to do next

- [Complete the online survey](#) before 18 March 2022
- Read the [survey participant information](#)

Additional information

Contact AIFS at 03 9214 7900 or aifs-dip-evaluation@aifs.gov.au.

For more information

If you have any questions about your service operation you can contact the Information and Enquiries team on 1800 619 113 or by emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [COVID-19 guidelines for ECEC services](#).



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