



Australian Government  
Department of Education,  
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# News

Weekly wrap for the early childhood  
education and care sector



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## CCCF Special Circumstances grant funding increased

The Australian Government has increased funding for the [Community Child Care Fund \(CCCF Special Circumstances\)](#) to help more services impacted by COVID-19 or the recent floods.

The special circumstances grant helps services stay open when something unexpected happens. If your service has had to close due to a natural disaster, extreme weather or COVID 19, you may be eligible for a grant.

Read the [updated guidelines](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) to see if your service is eligible.

## Child Care Package evaluation report available

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) has completed its evaluation of the Child Care Package.

AIFS collected and analysed a range of information to examine how the package has impacted providers, services and families.

Learn more about the evaluation and read the final report on the [AIFS website](#).

The Australian Government has released a response to the report. The response outlines:

- a summary of the government's support and activities since the introduction of the package
- a response to the recommendations in the final AIFS report
- an overview of the government's next steps to strengthen the early childhood education and care system.

Read the [Australian Government Response to the Child Care Package Evaluation](#) on our website.

The Child Care Package was established by the Australian Government in July 2018 and includes:

- Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which is paid to providers who pass it on to families as a 1 reduction. [You can read more about CCS on our website.](#)
  - Child Care Safety Net, which comprises Additional Child Care Subsidy, Inclusion Support Program and Community Child Care Fund. [You can read more about the safety net on our website.](#)
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## Upcoming Jobs Fairs to help you find staff

**The Australian Government is hosting Jobs Fairs across the country to help employers, including those in early childhood education and care, find suitable staff.**

The Jobs Fair is a free face-to-face event that gives providers an opportunity to promote current and upcoming vacancies and connect with employment service providers.

The next Job Fairs will be held in:

- Devonport on 25 March
- Barossa on 29 March
- Broome on 1 April
- Gold Coast on 13 April
- Melbourne on 2 June.

For more information or to become an exhibitor visit the [Exhibitor Information](#) page or email [JobsFairs@dese.gov.au](mailto:JobsFairs@dese.gov.au).

We will provide details on other job fairs across Australia. These events will follow COVID-safe event procedures.

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## Handy resource

**Understand your obligations under Family Assistance Law with our compliance video series**

We've got videos about:

- what to do if children are absent from care or on holidays
- rules for Family Day Care educators who care for relatives
- when to notify us about changes to your service.

[Watch the videos on our website.](#)

## Good to know

**This week is Harmony Week, which celebrates Australia's cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.**

Find out what's happening near you, register an event at your service and find resources on the [Harmony Week website](#).

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