



Australian Government  
Department of Education,  
Skills and Employment

# News

Weekly wrap for the early childhood  
education and care sector



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## ACCS survey closes soon

We want to hear from staff who have experience with the [Additional Child Care Subsidy \(ACCS\) \(child wellbeing\)](#).

We encourage you to [complete this short survey](#) if you have:

- spoken with families about the subsidy
- applied for an initial 6-week certificate for a family
- applied for further determinations for a family.

Participants will be asked for their thoughts on current eligibility language and length of support.

Your answers will help inform our advice to government about improving access to early childhood education and care for vulnerable families.

The survey is being conducted by the [Social Research Centre](#). No personal information will be collected and responses will remain anonymous.

**The survey closes on Tuesday 17 May.**

Please also share the [survey link](#) with your colleagues.

For more information, visit the Social Research Centre or contact [evaluation@srecentre.com.au](mailto:evaluation@srecentre.com.au).

## Exhibit at a Job Fair near you

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

Jobs Fairs are a free face-to-face event. Exhibiting at a Jobs Fair is a great way to:

- promote current and upcoming vacancies to job seekers in your area
- connect with employment service providers.

See upcoming Job Fairs:

- [South East Melbourne on Wednesday 18 May](#)
- [Broome on Thursday 19 May](#)
- [Port Macquarie on Tuesday 24 May](#)
- [Warrnambool on Friday 27 May](#)
- [Toowoomba on Tuesday 7 June](#)
- [Bunbury on Wednesday 8 June](#)
- [Orange on Wednesday 15 June](#)
- [Melbourne on Friday 17 June](#)
- [Melbourne West on Tuesday 21 June](#)
- [Ballina on Friday 24 June](#)
- [Sydney on Tuesday 28 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).

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## Wage support for apprentices and trainees

**The Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy supports employers to engage new and recommencing apprentices and trainees.**

The program closes to new entrants on 30 June 2022.

Eligible employers who engage an apprentice or trainee between 5 October 2020 and 30 June 2022 may be eligible for a subsidy of 50% of gross wages (up to \$7,000 per quarter) for 12 months.

Employers who take part in the program may be eligible for the Completing Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy for apprentices and trainees that progress to a second or third year of training.

[Learn more about Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements and Completing Apprenticeship Commencements.](#)

A new Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System (AAIS) will commence on 1 July 2022. The program will build on the success of the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy and replaces the previous Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.

The AAIS will provide incentives to eligible employers. It will be rolled out in two phases:

- from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024, the AAIS will provide wage subsidies for eligible employers in priority occupations, including early childhood education and care
- from 1 July 2024, employers in priority occupations will be supported through a hiring incentive.

[Learn more about the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System.](#)

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## Handy resource

Check out the early learning STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths) resources and training for educators.

There are also opportunities for families and children to take part in STEM activities.

[Learn more on our website.](#)

## Good to know

Your fees, vacancies, quality ratings and inclusions are now published on [StartingBlocks.gov.au](#).

Starting Blocks is the one place with all the information to help parents choose the best early childhood education and care for their family.

Go to [StartingBlocks.gov.au](#).

## Facebook group

The [Australian Child Care Providers and Services Facebook group](#) is your place to learn, explore and connect with us and others in your sector.

Did you miss this great conversation about National Family Day Care Week? [Check it out here](#) and say hello if you run a Family Day Care centre.

[Join the conversation and be part of the ECEC online community.](#)

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