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Weekly wrap for the early childhood
education and care sector



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Last chance: ACCS survey closes tomorrow

The Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing) survey has been extended. The survey will now close tomorrow on Thursday 19 May.

If you have experience administering ACCS (child wellbeing), we encourage you to complete this [short survey](#).

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

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

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

Help for educators to learn about reconciliation



We funded travel scholarships so 10 educators could travel to Darwin for [Early Childhood Australia's Reconciliation Symposium](#).

The educators (pictured) came from: SDN Milperra Children's Education and Care Centre in NSW, Department for Education in South Australia, Warren Preschool Kindergarten in NSW, Camden Family Day Care in NSW, Goolwa Children's Centre in South Australia, Gamumbi Early Childhood Education Centre in NSW, Moranbah Neighbourhood Centre in Queensland, Escare in Western Australia, and Elizabeth Chifley Presbyterian Preschool in NSW.

The two-day symposium provided educators with opportunities to explore reconciliation within the sector, and for networking and professional development.

Local Area Emergency declared in Queensland

The Australian Government provides targeted support to providers, services and families in the event of a local emergency. This support is designed to help services recover quickly and ensure continuity of care for families.

Last weekend, we [declared a Local Area Emergency](#) (LAE) for the period 12 to 18 May after heavy rainfall in the Lockyer Valley, Southern Downs and Moreton Bay local government area. [Our table of emergency declarations](#) provides key dates and regions eligible for support.

We're monitoring the situation and will provide updates as required, including if other LAEs are declared.

Connect with colleagues on Facebook

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

[Here's a post on the top 4 things to know about session reports.](#) If you have any other questions, you can leave a comment.

Join the conversation and be part of the Early Childhood Education and Care online community.

Handy resource

Inclusion promotes belonging, protects the rights of children with developmental delay or disability, and fosters the mental health and wellbeing of children.

The [Be You Disability Inclusion Guide](#) provides information about inclusive practices and includes useful strategies, educator insights and tips, and other resources.

[Download the guide.](#)

Good to know

Families who have not confirmed their income for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years have until 30 June 2022 to do so.

If they don't, their Child Care Subsidy will stop. This means they'll need to pay full fees when they use child care.

[Read about balancing deadlines.](#)

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