

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Assessment and Rating under National Quality Standards Policy

Aim

At Edgeworth Child Care Centre, as part of the National Quality Framework we will be assessed and rated against the National Quality Standards. Our aim is to achieve the highest possible rating level within the National Quality Rating and Assessment process.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Guide to National Quality Standards 2011
A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999

Who is affected by this policy?

Educators
Staff
Families
Child
Management
Visitors

Implementation

Under the National Law Edgeworth Child Care Centre will be assessed and rated against the National Quality Standards as it is a key focus of the National Quality Framework to promote continuous quality improvement.

There are five rating levels;

1. **Excellent** – Indicates that a service is excellent and is recognised as a service leader.
2. **Exceeds National Quality Standards** - indicates that a service is exceeding the National Quality Standard.
3. **Meets National Quality Standard** - indicates that a service is meeting the National Quality Standard
4. **Working Towards National Quality Standard** - indicates that a service is working towards the National Quality Standard
5. **Significant Improvement Required** – indicates that a service is not meeting the National Quality Standard and that the regulator is working closely with the service to immediately improve its quality (otherwise the service's approval to operate will be withdrawn).

Quality Improvement Plan

As part of the assessment and rating process the National Regulations require Edgeworth Child Care Centre to have a quality improvement plan prepared which:

- Includes an assessment by Edgeworth Child Care Centre of the practices of the service against the National Quality Standards and the National Regulations; and
- Identifies any areas that the Edgeworth Child Care Centre considers may require improvement; and
- Contains a statement of philosophy of the service.

Approved Learning Frameworks

The National Quality Standards are linked with national learning frameworks that recognise children learn from birth. Edgeworth Child Care Centre supports:

- *Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia* ('Early Years Learning Framework')

This framework outline practices to support and promote children's learning at Edgeworth Child Care Centre.

Regulatory Authorities as set out by the National Regulations must:

- Review service information (compliance history, rating and assessment history)
- Review a service's current Quality Improvement Plan
- Visit the service to observe practice

Our Education and Care Service participates and values the Quality Improvement Planning and the requirements of the National Regulations process of meeting the National Quality Standards.

Meeting the National Quality Standards provides standards of quality practices for the day to day care provided in our Education and Care Service. The system also allows staff to continually improve practices by identifying the quality aspects of care the Education and Care Service is already providing and assisting the Education and Care Service in developing goals for further improvement through a "Quality Improvement Plan".

The Centre will ensure that staff and management are informed about current practices and requirements in the National Regulations in order to meet the National Quality Standards process by attending appropriate in-service/training, accessing any other publications and information about the assessment and rating process.

Educators and other staff will involve parents, families and management in each stage to seek their input and views into practices and care in our Education and Care Service – this includes having parent input into policy reviews, parent meetings and providing updates in newsletters about the Education and Care Services current stage in the process.

The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
 Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
 Guide to National Quality Standards 2011
 NSW Department of Education & Communities
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Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

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