

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Children with Additional Needs Policy

Aim

The inclusion of children with additional needs will be encouraged with full utilisation of the available support services. Edgeworth Child Care Centre believes that the individuality of each child should be valued, their needs considered, and their rights respected and protected.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
National Quality Standards 2011

Who is affected by this policy?

Educators
Children
Staff
Families
Management

Implementation

Children with additional needs will be welcomed into the service. Prior to enrolment, educators/staff will assess the child to determine the child's needs and level of support that may be required and evaluate if the service is able to enroll the child.

The service has access to Inclusion Support funding via Inclusion Support Agencies, which is funded by the Australian Government. Funding will be granted on specific criteria that the child is required to meet. Inclusion Support Agencies will assist educators/staff with the integration of children with additional needs and will aid educators/staff to compile an individual program for each child.

When appropriate, professionals such as speech and occupational pathologists, paediatricians, and physiotherapists etc. will be consulted with parental consent to assist educators/staff with appropriate information and strategies regarding the child.

Our service will treat each child as an individual and will support his/her own additional need.

Children will be encouraged to fully participate (with any necessary help and support) in the program.

There will be in-services and training opportunities for all educators/staff on particular needs throughout the year and they will be encouraged to attend.

Educators/staff uses effective, initialised strategies with each child to accommodate additional needs.

This 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

National Quality Standards 2011

NSW Professional Support Coordinator <http://www.education.gov.au/inclusion-support-programme> from 01 07 16 retrieved 26 10 16

Was www.cscentral.org.au/support/inclusion-support-agencies.html

Review

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

Reviewed: 26 October 2016

Date for next review: October 2017