# Child under care and protection order

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### Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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Definition: A child who is on a legal order for care and protection reasons. A

child is deemed to be in need of care and protection if the child is

being or is likely to be abused or neglected, abandoned by

his/her care giver, there is an irretrievable breakdown between a

parent and the child, or a child is a threat to him/herself or others. The care and protection orders are issued through the Children's Court (or equivalent) or formal community services department arrangements for children in need of care and

protection.

Context: There is a wide range of orders included as care and protection

orders, such as guardianship, custody, supervisory, interim and temporary orders and undertakings. The types and numbers of orders vary considerably across States and Territories and in

some states include administrative orders.

## Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

#### Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Children under care and protection orders Australia 1995-96

Children on care and protection orders Australia: Data collection

standards, tables, and counting rules 1996-1997

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: Formal court or community services department arrangements for

care and protection of children (0-17 years of age). A child is deemed to be in need of care and protection if the child is being or is likely to be abused or neglected, if the child is abandoned, if adequate provision is not being made for the child's care, or there is an irretrievable breakdown in the relationship between the child and his or her parent(s). A guardianship order is usually issued

when the family has not provided, or is unable to provide, adequate care and/or protection and the child is found to be in danger of abuse or serious neglect. Guardianship orders may also be issued because of irreconcilable differences between the parent(s) and the child, abandonment of the child or breach of a supervision order. Non-guardianship orders give the welfare departments responsibility for a child's care (usual as a result of family crisis) or protection (e.g. from abuse or neglect). These orders generally result in children being placed under the short-term supervision of the welfare departments, and may result in their placement away from their family until circumstances permit their return. The type of orders under this heading vary across the States and Territories.

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#### Data Element Links

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