
Outlet - child care and preschool services

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCHSDD
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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
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Definition: The organisational unit which delivers child care or preschool services at a particular location.
Context: The 'outlet' is the level at which data is collected and reported for the CS NMDS. A child care or preschool services outlet typically takes the form of a centre (e.g. private long day care centre, dedicated preschool, etc.), or can also be an individual (e.g. family day care provider). An outlet is known as a 'service operation' in some States.

A child care or preschool services outlet is only included in the CS NMDS if it is funded to provide at least one child care or preschool service. Funding may be in the form of capital grants, operational funding, per capita funding and/or funding to reduce charges to parents (e.g. approved for Child Care Benefit).

Organisations involved in the provision of child care and preschool services have different organisational structures. Some organisations have a simple structure where responsibility for funding, administration and delivery of services is at the one level, e.g. private long day care centres.

Other organisations have a complex, hierarchical structure where these responsibilities are located at different levels of an organisation, or with different organisations e.g. long day care centre management committees or family day care schemes. In a complex structure one level of an organisation may be accountable to government. A lower level of the same organisation may be responsible for managing the provision of child care and preschool services at one or more outlets. It is the outlet at which data is collected and reported in the CS NMDS.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Related metadata: relates to the data element Outlet ID version 2

Administrative Attributes

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Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Agency

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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