Service episode—service cessation reason, out-of-home care placement code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Service cessation reason (out-of-home care placement
Synonymous names:	Reason for exiting an out-of-home care placement
METEOR identifier:	350995
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The reason why the child or young person exited an out-of-home care placement, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Service episode—service cessation reason
Value Domain:	Reason for out-of-home placement exit code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Child moved to another placement in the same jurisdiction
	2	Child was adopted
	3	Child deceased
	4	Child absconded
	5	Child reached eighteen years
	6	Moved to independent living
	7	Legal detention
	8	Legal order expired
	9	Return to family
	10	Transfer of guardianship to another jurisdiction
	11	Transfer of guardianship to a third party
	12	Access to service no longer required
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Child moved to another placement in the same jurisdiction

This includes only placements that are in the scope of the collection.

CODE 2 Child was adopted

This includes children who were legally adopted.

CODE 3 Child deceased

This includes children and young people who died while in out-of-home care.

CODE 4 Child absconded

The child has left their placement without the permission of the carer or the department and it is not possible to locate them. They must have been absent for at least 7 days to be counted.

CODE 5 Child reached eighteen years

This includes young people who have turned 18 years old and are no longer under the jurisdiction of the department. They should be included even if still living in the placement.

CODE 6 Moved to independent living

The child has left out-of-home care to live independently with no financial assistance from the department. It may or may not be part of the individual's case plan.

CODE 7 Legal detention

The child has been placed in either juvenile detention or an adult prison.

CODE 8 Legal order expired

This includes children or young people whose legal order is no longer valid and the child protection service is no longer responsible for the child.

CODE 9 Return to family

This includes children who have returned to live with their original family. This is the family from which the child was initially removed.

CODE 10 Transfer of guardianship to another jurisdiction

This includes children who have moved interstate, and the guardianship of the child has been transferred to the jurisdiction the child is now residing in.

CODE 11 Transfer of guardianship to a third party

This includes children whose guardianship has been transferred to a third party, such as a relative or carer, and the department no longer has involvement with them.

CODE 12 Access to service no longer required

This includes any other reasons for exit that is not listed above.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: The reason for exit should be recorded at the same time as date of exit.

Comments: Useful to examine service delivery and outcomes for children.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Child Protection and Support Services data group (NCPASS).

Origin: Child protection and support services out-of-home care data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS (July 2007)
Community Services (retired), Superseded 01/05/2008

Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS pilot (2008)
Community Services (retired), Retired 06/02/2012