

Service accessibility cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	354612
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Retired 21/05/2010
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	These data items are used in conjunction with each other to describe the availability of child care and preschool services in the collection week. These metadata items are used together to gain a greater understanding of patterns of service delivery.

Collection and usage attributes

Implementation start date: 31/01/2007

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Children's Services NMDS](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 21/05/2010

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
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- [Service provider organisation \(service type\)—session end time, hhmm](#)

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

In the Children's services NMDS, this data element refers to the finish time of each session that a child care or preschool service is available for children to use on each day in the collection week.

Note: This question records responses to 'Days of operation – per week' and 'Start time of sessions'.

Question: For each day of the week on which you provided child care or preschool activities in the collection week, please indicate start and finish times of each session.

For family day care and in-home care services this question should be asked of caregivers only and asked in the following way: 'For each day of the week on which you provided family day care/in-home care activities, please indicate the earliest time of day and the latest time of day that you were available to care for children.'

Provision should be made for an 'available for overnight care' box.

Provision should be made for recording of service provision times in the morning and afternoon, to allow for services that do not operate continuously throughout the day.

Provision should be made for mobile children's services so that each day should be broken into 3 possible session times. For mobile children's services this question should be asked in conjunction with service address for each session, days of operation and the start and finish time of each session each day.

CODE 999999

Not stated/inadequately described, is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Round to the nearest quarter of an hour.

This data element does not include times when staff are working at a service but the service is not open for children to use, such as when staff are planning programs or consulting parents.

Services that do not operate continuously throughout the day should record finish times for each session on each day.

Mobile children's services should record start and finish times for each session on each day.

This data element may be used in conjunction with the data element 'Start time of session' as a measure of the availability of child care and preschool services and the appropriateness of this in meeting family needs. In addition, this data element can be used to derive the number of hours per day and hours per week a child care or preschool service is available for children to use.

This data element enables the identification of sessional provision of child care and preschool services.

- [Service provider organisation \(service type\)—session start time, hhmm](#)

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

In the Children's services NMDS, this data element refers to the starting time of each session that a child care or preschool service is available for children to use on each day in the collection week.

This data element may be used in conjunction with the data element 'Finish time of session' as a measure of the availability of child care and preschool services and the appropriateness of this in meeting family needs. In addition, this data element can be used to derive the number of hours per day and hours per week a child care or preschool service is available for children to use.

This metadata item enables the identification of sessional provision of child care and preschool services.

Round to the nearest quarter of an hour.

This data element does not include times when staff are working at a service but the service is not open for children to use, such as when staff are planning programs or consulting parents.

Services that do not operate continuously throughout the day should record Start times for each session held on each day.

Mobile children's services should record start times for each session on each day.

Note: This question records responses to 'Days of operation – per week' and 'Finish time of sessions'.

Question: For each day of the week on which you provided child care or preschool activities in the collection week, please indicate start and finish times of each session.

For family day care and in-home care: this question should be asked of caregivers only and asked in the following way: 'For each day of the week on which you provided family day care/in-home care activities, please indicate the start and finish times of day when you were available to care for children.'

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Provision should be made for recording of service provision times in the morning and afternoon, to allow for services that do not operate continuously throughout the day.

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- [Service provider organisation—day of operation, code N](#)

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DSS specific information:

In the Children's Services NMDS, this refers to the days of the week that a child care or preschool service is available for children to use at a service in the collection week.

This metadata item is an indicator of availability of child care and preschool services. The number of days per week that a service is available for children can be derived from this item.

This metadata item will be used to gain a greater understanding of patterns of service delivery. It may be used in conjunction with the data elements Start time and Finish time of sessions to measure of the accessibility of child care and preschool services.

This metadata item should be reported in a table, in conjunction with Start time and Finish time for each day of the week on which the service operates in the data collection week.