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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| Synonymous names: | Early childhood education and care program |
| METEOR identifier: | 436132 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014 |
| Definition: | A preschool program is a structured, play based learning program, delivered by a degree qualified teacher primarily aimed at children in the year before they commence full-time schooling, irrespective of the type of institution that provides it or whether it is government funded or privately provided. Programs may be delivered in a variety of service settings including separate preschools or kindergartens, long day care centres, in association with a school etc.  The terms most commonly used to describe preschool programs in states and territories are:   * Kindergarten – Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania. * Kindergarten or Preschool – Victoria, South Australia. * Preschool – New South Wales, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory. |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | A preschool program may or may not be delivered in such a way that meets the Universal Access goal. The requirements for Universal Access are listed below.  The National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education is a commitment to joint Commonwealth, State and Territory action to deliver universal access to quality early childhood education in the year before full-time schooling.  Universal access means that every child, in the year before they commence full-time school, has access to a preschool program that is:  • delivered by a four year university qualified early childhood teacher in accordance with the National Early Years Learning Framework • available for at least 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year • delivered across a diversity of settings that meets the needs of parents and at a cost that does not present a barrier to participation. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Early Childhood Data Sub Group |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Early childhood education program](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/556834)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 01/06/2015 |
| Metadata items which use this glossary item: | [Child—maximum preschool program hours available, total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436113)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program attendance indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436120)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program enrolment indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/506727)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program enrolment indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436126)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Child—preschool program fees charged per week, total Australian currency N[N(8)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436106)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program hours attended (per week), total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436128)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program hours enrolled (per week), total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/506729)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 19/09/2013  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program hours enrolled (per week), total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436130)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Child—preschool program received from a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/506731)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Child—preschool program received from a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436683)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Person (employed)—hours worked in preschool program delivery, total hours NNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/437558)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 01/06/2015  [Person (employed)—preschool program delivery indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441674)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 07/06/2011  [Service provider organisation—maximum preschool program hours available per week, total hours N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441232)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Service provider organisation—number of children attending a preschool program, total N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441235)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Service provider organisation—number of Indigenous children attending a preschool program, total number N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441249)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 11/09/2012  [Service provider organisation—number of Indigenous children enrolled in a preschool program, total N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441259)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Service provider organisation—number of Indigenous children enrolled in a preschool program, total N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/506734)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 08/04/2013  [Service provider organisation—number of preschool program enrolments, total number N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441268)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Service provider organisation—number of preschool program enrolments, total number N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/506736)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Service provider organisation—number of preschool program hours enrolled, total hours N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441282)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 08/04/2013  [Service provider organisation—number of preschool program hours enrolled, total hours N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/506738)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014  [Service provider organisation—preschool program attendance hours, total hours N[NNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/441275)  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Superseded 28/05/2014 |