

Child—care arrangements, child protection code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Care arrangements (child protection)
Synonymous names:	Living arrangement (child protection)
METEOR identifier:	458491
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The type of care arrangement in which a child, who is under the care of the Department responsible for child protection, lives, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child—care arrangements
Value Domain:	Child protection care arrangement code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Residential care
	2	Family group home
	3	Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed
	4	Foster care
	5	Other home-based care (reimbursed)
	6	Relative(s)/kin who are not reimbursed
	7	Independent living
	8	Parents
	9	Detention
Supplementary values:	88	Other living arrangement
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Residential care**

Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.

CODE 2 Family group home

Family group homes provide short term care to children in departmentally owned homes for children under care and protection orders and other children whose parents are unable to provide for their immediate welfare. Family group homes do not have salaried staff but are available rent free to approved carers, who receive board payments to reimburse them for the cost of looking after the children in their care.

CODE 3 Relatives/kin who are reimbursed

Includes family members (other than parents) or a person well known to the child and/or family (based on a pre-existing relationship) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child.

CODE 4 Foster care

Where the caregiver is authorised and reimbursed (or was offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child and supported by an approved agency. This excludes relatives/kin who are reimbursed.

CODE 5 Other home based care (reimbursed)

Home-based care which does not fall into either of the categories 'Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed' or 'Foster care'

CODE 6 Relative/kin who are not reimbursed

Includes family members (other than parents) or a person well known to the child and/or family (based on a pre-existing relationship) who is not reimbursed by the state/ territory for the care of the child.

CODE 7 Independent living

This includes private board and lead-tenant households.

CODE 8 Parents

Includes natural or adoptive parents of the child.

CODE 9 Detention

Where the child was ordered by the court to reside for a specified time in a juvenile or adult correctional facility.

CODE 88 Other living arrangement

Includes living arrangements that do not fit into the above categories. The other category also includes any placements made in disability services, psychiatric services, juvenile justice facilities, Supported Accommodations Assistance Program (SAAP) and over-night child care services. These living arrangements may have rostered and/or paid staff, and are generally not a home-like environment.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

Is used when the family in which a child lives in not recorded or is unknown.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Performance and Data Working Group

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2010. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual for the 2010 pilot collection. AIHW: Canberra

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Research, Evaluation and Data Working Group (REDWG).

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. AIHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) DSS Pilot \(2010\)](#)

Specifications: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011