

# Service event—living arrangement type, child under care code N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Living arrangement type
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	657320
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Children and Families</a>, Superseded 20/04/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of living arrangement a person under the care of a department responsible for child protection resides, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Service event—living arrangement type</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2
<b>Permissible values:</b>	

Value	Meaning
1	Residential care
2	Family group home
3	Relatives/kin who are reimbursed
4	Foster care
5	Other home-based care (reimbursed)
6	Relatives/kin who are not reimbursed
7	Independent living
8	Parents
9	Detention
10	Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement
88	Other living arrangements

<b>Supplementary values:</b>					
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## 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 care to children in departmentally or community sector agency provided homes. These homes have live-in, non-salaried carers who are reimbursed and/or subsidised for the provision of care.

**CODE 3 Relatives/kin who are reimbursed**

Where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Indigenous person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.

**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. There are varying degrees of reimbursement made to foster carers.

**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 Relatives/kin who are not reimbursed**

Where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) 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**

A natural or substitute parent (spouse or natural parent, adoptive parent or spouse of an adoptive parent) who has an ongoing legal responsibility for the care and protection of a 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 10 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangements**

Placement for children on third-party parental responsibility orders.

**CODE 88 Other living arrangement**

Includes living arrangements that do not fit into the above categories. This includes any placements made in disability services, psychiatric services, Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS), overnight child-care services, boarding schools, hospitals, hotels/motels and defence force. 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 care arrangement in which a child lives is not recorded or is unknown.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)  
**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2016. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual 2015-16. Canberra: AIHW.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The living arrangement type refers to the living arrangement of the person at a particular point in time.

**Collection methods:** Each change in living arrangement should be recorded on a new line in the file.

Changes in living arrangement include:

- a change in the type of living arrangement (e.g. from home-based to a facility-based placement) or within living arrangement types
- a change in the venue/location (e.g. a change from one home-based placement to a different home-based placement).

For family group homes, if the carer left the home for more than 14 days at a time (e.g. annual leave), this should be recorded as a new living arrangement.

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Service event—living arrangement type, child under care code N\[N\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016

Has been superseded by [Service event—living arrangement type, child under care code N\[N\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/04/2018

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