

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Living arrangement type
METEOR identifier:	689331
Registration status:	Children and Families , Superseded 03/11/2021
Definition:	The type of living arrangement a person under the care of a department responsible for child protection resides, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Service event—living arrangement type
Value Domain:	Living arrangement type for child under care code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
Permissible values:	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
	11	Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement—foster carer
	12	Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement—relative/kinship carer
	13	Third-party parental responsibility care arrangement—other/unknown
	88	Other living arrangements
Supplementary values:	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 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 11 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangements—foster carer

Placement for children on third-party parental responsibility orders, where they were formerly placed with the same carer in a foster care placement (as defined above).

CODE 12 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangements—relative/kinship carer

Placement for children on third-party parental responsibility orders, where they were formerly placed with the same carer in a relative/kinship placement (as defined above).

CODE 13 Third-party parental responsibility care arrangements—other/unknown

Placement for children on third-party parental responsibility orders, where they were formerly placed with the same carer in a placement type other than foster or relative/kinship care; or the former placement type is unknown.

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) 2017. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual 2016-17. 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 20/04/2018

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Living arrangements for children under care \(LA\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

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Implementation in **Used as Numerator**

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[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.4 children in out-of-home care who received a third-party parental responsibility order](#)

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[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.5 children in out-of-home care who were adopted](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 18/04/2023](#)

[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.6 children who exited out-of-home care to a permanency outcome and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 18/04/2023](#)

[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.6a children who exited out-of-home care to reunification and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 18/04/2023](#)

[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.6b children who exited out-of-home care to a third-party parental responsibility order and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)

[Children and Families, Standard 18/04/2023](#)

[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.6c children who exited out-of-home care to adoption and did not return to out-of-home care within 12 months](#)

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[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.7a children in out-of-home care for 2 or more years on long-term guardianship orders](#)

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[Permanency Outcomes Performance Framework Indicators 2020–21: Indicator 1.7b children in out-of-home care for 2 or more years with less than 3 placements in the last 2 years](#)

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