

Sibling file cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	706947
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 20/01/2021
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	<p>The Sibling file cluster contains information about the sibling relationships of children in funded out-of-home care placements on the night of 30 June (regardless of whether they are on an order).</p> <p>For inclusion in the Sibling file, the subject child must be in a funded out-of-home care placement on the night of 30 June, and have at least one known sibling in a funded out-of-home care placement on the night of 30 June (regardless of whether they are in the same placement).</p>

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The Sibling file cluster has been included in the Child protection National minimum data set with the aim of pilot testing a new sibling co-placement measure (pending availability and quality of data from jurisdictions). Full implementation of the Sibling file cluster will also be subject to further deliberations on the feasibility and advisability of reporting on a sibling co-placement measure under the National Standards for Out-of-Home Care.</p> <p>For this file a person is a child or young person aged less than 18 years. Siblings are defined as children who share at least one biological parent (i.e. full siblings and half-siblings). Step-siblings and other sibling types (such as kinship relationships) are excluded.</p>
Collection methods:	Each two-person sibling relationship will be a new line in the file, and each child in a two-person sibling relationship should be recorded as the subject child. That is, there will be two lines in the file for each two-person relationship—for children A and B, there will be one line with child A as the subject child Person ID (AB), and one line with child A as the sibling Person ID (BA).

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) 2018. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2017-18. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Sibling file cluster <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Child protection NMDS 2017-18Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Child protection NMDS 2018-19Children and Families](#), Superseded 26/05/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

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[Child protection NMDS 2019-20Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

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1	Person—person identifier, child protection NX[X(11)]	Mandatory	1
2	Person—sibling relationship, biological code N[N]	Mandatory	1