

Child protection (CP) client file cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	748904
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The Child protection (CP) client file cluster is used to collect demographic information on children and young people involved in any component of the child protection system (i.e. notifications, investigations, substantiations, orders and/or out-of-home care placements) during the reference period.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For this file a person is a child or young person aged less than 18 years. This includes unborn children in jurisdictions where they are covered under the child protection legislation.
Collection methods:	Client attributes which may be reported differently over time, such as Indigenous status and disability status, should be reported as at the end of the reference period.

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 Child protection (CP) client file cluster <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Child protection NMDS 2020–21 Children and Families , Standard 03/11/2021 <i>Implementation start date:</i> 01/07/2019 <i>Implementation end date:</i> 30/06/2021

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—person identifier, child protection NX[X(11)]	Mandatory	1
2	Person—letters of family name, text XXX	Mandatory	1
3	Person—letters of given name, text XX	Mandatory	1
4	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
5	Person—sex, code N	Mandatory	1
6	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
7	Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]	Mandatory	1
8	Person—disability status, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1
9	Child—new client indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Mandatory	1