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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
Synonymous names:	Preschool program
METEOR identifier:	762661
Registration status:	Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022
Definition:	An early childhood education program is a structured, play-based learning program, delivered by a qualified teacher and aimed at children in the year or two before they commence full-time schooling, irrespective of the type of institution that provides it or whether it is government funded or privately provided. Programs may be delivered in a variety of service settings including separate preschools or kindergartens, long day care centres, in association with a school, etc. The terms most commonly used to describe early childhood education programs which are subject to the Preschool Reform Agreement (PRA) in states and territories are: • Kindergarten – Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania. • Preschool – New South Wales, South Australia, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Education
Steward:	Early Childhood Policy Group (ECPG)
Origin:	Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) 2021. Preschool Reform Agreement. Canberra: CFFR, viewed 4 August 2022 https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/preschool-reform-agreement
Reference documents:	Australian Government (2018). National information agreement on early childhood education and care. Canberra: Australian Government

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Early childhood education program Early Childhood, Superseded 05/07/2022
Metadata items which use this glossary item:	Child—early childhood education program 2YBFS flag Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024 Child—early childhood education program 2YBFS flag, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024 Child—early childhood education program attendance indicator Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022 Child—early childhood education program attendance indicator, yes/no code N Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022 Child—early childhood education program attendance indicator, yes/no code N Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024 Child—early childhood education program enrolment indicator Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022 Child—early childhood education program enrolment indicator, yes/no code N Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022 Child—early childhood education program enrolment indicator, yes/no code N Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Child—early childhood education program fees charged per week
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program fees charged per week, total Australian currency N[N(8)]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program hours attended
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program hours attended (per week), total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program hours attended (per week), total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled (per week), total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program hours enrolled (per week), total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Child—early childhood education program received from a qualified teacher indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program received from a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Child—early childhood education program received from a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program repeater indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—early childhood education program repeater indicator, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—Hours of an early childhood education program received from qualified teacher(s)
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—Hours of an early childhood education program received from qualified teacher(s), Total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—Hours of an early childhood education program received from qualified teacher(s), Total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Child—maximum early childhood education program hours available, total hours N[N]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education and care contact worker
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2022
Early Childhood, Superseded 15/08/2023

Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2023
Early Childhood, Standard 15/08/2023

Early Childhood Education and Care DSS 2024
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Early childhood education and care service activity type code N[N]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education and care service delivery setting code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2022
Early Childhood, Superseded 15/08/2023

Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2023
Early Childhood, Standard 15/08/2023

Early Childhood Education and Care: Unit Record Level NMDS 2024
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Early childhood education program 2YBFS flag
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Early childhood education program attendance hours
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program attendance indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program delivered by a qualified teacher indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program enrolment hours
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program enrolment indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program fees charged per week
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program received from a qualified teacher indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Early childhood education program repeater indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Hours of an early childhood education program received from qualified teacher(s)
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Hours worked in early childhood education program delivery (per week)
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Maximum early childhood education program hours available
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

National Preschool Attendance Collection DSS 2024
Early Childhood, Recorded 16/05/2024

Number of early childhood education program service operation weeks
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Person (employed)—hours worked in early childhood education program delivery (per week)
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Person (employed)—hours worked in early childhood education program delivery (per week), total hours NNN
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Person (employed)—hours worked in early childhood education program delivery (per week), total hours NNN
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Person (employed)—role of early childhood education and care worker, code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Person (employed)—type of work activity, early childhood education and care, code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Person (employed)—type of work activity, early childhood education and care, code N
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024

Quality early childhood education program
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—early childhood education program delivered by a qualified teacher indicator
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—early childhood education program delivered by a qualified teacher indicator, yes/no code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—government funding type, early childhood education and care, code N
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—management type, early childhood education and care, code N[N]
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program service operation weeks
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program service operation weeks (calendar year), total NN
Early Childhood, Standard 05/07/2022

Service provider organisation—number of early childhood education program service operation weeks (calendar year), total NN
Early Childhood, Recorded 24/05/2024