



SUPPORT AT PRESCHOOL

There are a range of services and support agencies that families can access to support their child throughout the preschool year.

Child and Family Centres

ACT Government Child and Family Centres provide a range of universal services based on the needs of children and their families. Child and Family Centres are located in Gungahlin, West Belconnen and Tuggeranong.

At times, children and their families may require additional assistance. The Child and Family Centres work closely with families to determine the type of assistance based on individual requirements, and the best way that this can be provided across government and community.

Child and Family Centres bring together a range of professionals with the aim of delivering services in a child-centered and family focused way.

Some of the services available from Child and Family Centres include:

- parenting information
- maternal and child health clinics
- speech pathology and physiotherapy drop in clinics
- individual work with children and families
- relationship counselling.

For further information visit www.communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/childandfamilycentres

Therapy ACT

Therapy ACT is a program area of the Community Services Directorate. It provides a range of multidisciplinary therapy and support services for children with delays in development and developmental disabilities.

Therapy and support services are available for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, social work and psychology. There is no charge for Therapy ACT services.

For further information visit <http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au>

Canberra Preschool Society

The Canberra Preschool Society (CPS) is an incorporated volunteer organisation and peak body in education advocacy in the ACT. The Society was formed in 1943 as the Canberra Nursery Kindergarten Association and was incorporated in its present form in 1975. The CPS strives to be a strong effective voice of preschool parents in the ACT and to assist parents to have an active role in their preschool community.

For further information visit <http://canberrapreschools.org.au/>

Children's Education and Care Assurance

Children's Education and Care Assurance (CECA) - a section of the ACT Education and Training Directorate - administers the legislation covering approved education and care services and licensed childcare services in the ACT.

The role of the CECA includes:

- Providing information about education and care in the ACT to families, services and the community
- Issuing approvals, waivers and licences for providers, services and certified supervisors
- Monitoring compliance with the Children and Young People Act 2008 and the Education and Care Services National Law (ACT) Act 2011 through announced and unannounced visits, data collection and review, targeted monitoring campaigns, and email and phone contact with services
- Quality assessment and rating of education and care services in accordance with the National Quality Framework
- Investigating complaints relating to compliance with the relevant education and care law.

The CECA is staffed by professionals with experience and qualifications in children's education and care.

For further information visit <http://www.det.act.gov.au/>

The Association of Parents and Friends of ACT Schools Inc.(APFACTS)

APFACTS is the parent voice for non-government school parents and carers in the ACT. APFACTS has a strong focus on parental engagement in schooling and opportunities for parents in preschool and beyond to be part of programs, committees and discussions on how parents can best support their children's learning throughout their school education.

For further information visit www.apfacts.org.au/

Council of Parents and Citizens Associations

The ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Association is the peak parent body for public preschools, primary schools, high schools and colleges in the ACT. The council helps P&Cs organise insurance, manage legal obligations, and make submissions to the ACT and Commonwealth governments on behalf of public school parents.

For further information visit <http://www.actparents.org.au/>