National Quality Framework Policy

Aim

Our service participates in the National Quality Framework (NQF). The service aims is to provide the highest quality education and care available across all areas.

Related Policies

Enrolment Policy
Educators Orientation Policy

Who is affected by this policy?

Educators
Families
Child
Management
Visitors

Implementation

Our Service participates in and values the National Quality Framework (NQF), including the National Quality Standard (NQS), the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the National Regulations – an Australian Government initiative linked to the funding of the Child Care Benefit for parents. This is conducted through the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and the state licensing department through scheduled site assessment visits and where appropriate, spontaneous visits.

The NQS provides standards of quality practices for care provided in our Service as well as guidance and support from the Service's self evaluation through our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). The system also allows educators to continually improve practices by identifying the quality aspects of care the Service is already providing and assisting the Service in developing goals for further improvement through our QIP. The Service is required to complete and submit a comprehensive QIP every twelve months.

The Service will ensure that all educators and management are informed about current practices and requirements in the NQF process by attending appropriate in-service/training, accessing any other publications and information about the accreditation process that may be of benefit – including those published by ACECQA.

Educators will involve parents, families and management in each stage to seek their input and views into practices and care in our Service – this includes having parent input into policy reviews, parent meetings and providing updates in newsletters about the Service's current stage in the process.

The seven Standards under the NQS are –

1. Educational program and practice

2. Children's health and safety

3. Physical environment

4. Staffing arrangements

5. Relationships with children

6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

7. Governance and Leadership

The Ratings are as follows –

- Excellent
- Exceeding National Quality Standard
- Meeting National Quality Standard
- Working towards National Quality Standard
- Significant improvement required.

We will access regular updates on the ACECQA website – www.acecqa.gov.au

Sources

National Quality Standard
Early Years Learning Framework
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually.

The review will be conducted by:

- Management

- Employees

- Families

- Interested Parties

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