

6.4 TRANSITION TO OTHER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

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PURPOSE to assist children in the transition to other early childhood programs or to school

POLICY Parents/Guardians, educators and coordination unit staff work in partnership to promote children's development and learning in a nurturing and supportive environment

PROCEDURES

1. Transition to other Early /Childhood Programs

1.1 the service will make available to parents/guardians on request

1.1.1 contact details of other early childhood programs including long day care, pre-school, OOSH, playgroups, early childhood centres and early intervention services

1.1.2 information regarding choice of quality care (newsletter information or articles)

1.1.3 educators and staff will support a family's decision to utilise other early childhood services

2. Transition to School

2.1 The service will:

2.1.1 annually provide training and or information opportunities on school readiness to parents and educators

2.1.2 provide a School Readiness Checklist for individual children as required

2.1.3 encourage parents/guardians to forward the completed checklist information to the relevant school

2.1.4 promoted the importance of school orientation programs

2.1.5 promote to parents/guardians the importance of practising daily school readiness routines such as opening a lunch box or drink bottle; putting on shoes

2.2 educators will develop activities and experiences which prepare children for school entry such as:

2.2.1 encouraging interactions with peers in games and activities

2.2.2 encouraging the development of language and literacy skills in conversations and by reading books

2.2.3 developing simple routines

2.2.4 encouraging self help skills (e.g. dressing, toileting, eating, looking after belongings)

Source:

- Education and care Services national Regulation
- Family Day Care Dimensions: Excellence in many Ways: Anne Stonehouse 2004
- Family Day Care Planning Resource: South Australia Department Education and Children's Services 2003

Forms:

- School Readiness Checklist