

The Early Years Commitment

A brighter future for NSW families

Big changes are coming for early childhood education in NSW



The Early Years Commitment is a \$15.9 billion investment by the NSW Government to support the best life outcomes of every child in NSW, no matter where they live or what their background is.

The Commitment includes:

- preschool fee relief
- more programs to support children's development
- more places in quality, affordable education and care where it is needed most
- a year of no cost preschool for every child in the year before Kindergarten by 2030
- more support for early childhood educators and teachers who play such an important role in the lives of the littlest learners in NSW.

Preschool fee relief

Starting in 2023:

- Families will continue to save up to \$4,000 a year for each 3-5 year old child in a community or mobile preschool.
- Families will save up to \$2,000 a year for each 4-5 year old child in an eligible preschool program in long day care. This is on top of the Child Care Subsidy.
- Families will continue to get the equivalent of 5 days a fortnight of affordable preschool for each child in a Department of Education preschool.
- Funding will be provided for more 3 year old children in long day care to participate in a preschool program.

The big picture



More child development support

Development checks in preschool

Starting in 2023, health and development checks for 4 year olds will be progressively available at preschools – so you will know about any concerns early and be connected to extra help if you need it.

More Aboriginal Child and Family Centres

There will be more culturally safe services and support for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families and children. We are expanding our existing 9 Aboriginal Child and Family Centres and building 6 more across NSW.

New Digital Baby Book

A new Digital Baby Book will be available alongside 'The Blue Book', giving you a secure digital health record for your child that can be accessed anywhere using a new NSW Health app. No more lost books!

More support for families who need it

Other programs for families who need a bit of extra support – like home visits from specially trained nurses (Sustaining NSW Families) or support for parents-to-be (Pregnancy Family Conferencing) – will also be expanded.

More places in quality early childhood education and care

A new Affordable Childcare Fund will, from 2023-24, support early childhood education services to innovate and grow so they can offer more affordable places for families where they are needed most across the state.

A new year of no cost preschool by 2030

Starting in 2022, we will be talking to families, communities, early childhood services, schools and other experts about the best model for a new year of no-cost, play-based learning for every child in NSW in the year before school. Preliminary trials will start in 2023 and universal pre-Kindergarten will be introduced by end of the decade.

More skilled educators and teachers

Early childhood educators and teachers play such an important role in the lives of children. This is why we are investing in a range of scholarships and other supports to attract more people to careers in early learning, and so that our invaluable early childhood educators and teachers can gain new skills and stay in the workforce.



Find out more

We will work with families, communities and early childhood education services as we roll out these changes, so that no child misses out.

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