Early Childhood Education and Care Flexible Initiatives Trial program logic

Supporting providers to deliver flexible or extended models of quality care for families in need



Problems	0	Objectives	Inputs		Activities	Outputs	Short-term outcomes O
Lack of alternative service delivery models for casual or shift worker families		Goal 1 Diverse service models (across service types) that meets diversity of family needs	Existing ECEC facilities and workforce	Collating and assessing evidence Options to address problems	Diverse service delivery: Trialling new smaller-scale operating model changes within one provider and service type	Greater diversity of existing ECEC services (resulting in additional places or hours offered)	Fund objective: to increase participation in the state's workforce, particularly for women, by making quality childcare more affordable and accessible
Limited availability of ECEC services in	and enhanced accessibility to quality ting greater workforce participation		New ECEC workers				Additional ECEC hours taken up by families (by service types, geographies and identified priority children) Additional ECEC places (by service types, geographies and identified priority affordable and quality ECEC
thin markets areas Workforce shortages limit the ability to			Technology available to families and		Blended service delivery: Trialling larger-scale innovative operating models through partnerships between multiple service types Grant assessment guidelines and supporting	New ECEC facilities (eg. FDCs and blended services)	New ECEC services across NSW
offer flexible ECEC services		workforce to deliver services that better meet the needs of	providers Existing NSW regulatory framework (ie. no regulatory changes)				Greater diversity of ECEC services which means that more families can participate in the workforce and/or take up study Increase in workforce participation and study by parents Increase in workforce participation and study by parents Increase in workforce participation and study by parents
High operating costs (inc. wages) limit ability to offer more innovative services						Improved ECEC workforce capacity to provide flexible services Identification of other innovative solutions to address problems (that may not have been previously identified	Technological uplift in ECEC sector Additional number of FTEs supported (Govt & ECEC workforce)
ECEC operating hours do not match			NSW Government funding (CEO Fund)				Increase in average utilisation of existing facilities/resources Increased workford productivity and GS in NSW
families working hours	proved and supporting				Develop program evaluation guidelines to collate data on		Increased level of take-up across the ECEC sector Increased family satisfaction across ECEC services
The quality of ECEC services varies across the market	PF1 Objective: Improved ECEC services, suppor	Goal 3 Establish and expand ECE services in thin markets	Household Preferences – Treasury ECEC Survey				Increased ECEC workforce productivity and satisfaction Improvements in ECEC government taxation revenue
Existing funding models are restrictive					Identify examples of best practice and gained lessons learned for program development	Evidence bank: • data (costs, outcomes and benefits) • appraisals • evaluations	provider quality (NQS) Increase in evidence base – inform resource allocation decisions across government
There is low technological and business maturity in the ECEC sector			Women's Economic Opportunities Review				Sustainable and adaptable service offerings Children are supported to be successful benefits to students lifelong learners through engagement in quality ECEC, regardless of setting Educational, social and emotional benefits to students and families