



Children's Services

"We want our children to be healthy, raised in loving families and in homes that offer a sense of safety and comfort. We want our children to learn and with this Education, reach out into the world. Together we can raise happy, healthy, inquisitive and engaged children who thrive through their sense of belonging to this wonderful place."

(Starting Early for a Better Future, NT Government)



Early Learning Services:

Playgroups

Childcare

Preschools & Schools

After School & Vacation Care

- **Playgroups – 10 in Alice Springs**
 - babies to pre-schoolers
 - universal and targeted
 - parents **attend** with their children
- **Childcare – 9 in Alice Springs**
 - 6 months to pre-schooler age
 - Typically fee for service (Government rebates)
 - National Quality Standards sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education & care
 - parents **are not** required to attend with their children
- **Congress' Early Childhood Learning Centre**
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- **Preschools & Schools - 25 in Alice Springs**
 - Department of Education will present on this
- **After School & Vacation Care**



Family and Parenting Services

- More than 18 Family and Parenting Providers and programs in Alice Springs
- Parenting service types include one on one outreach, group work programs (short intensives and longer 6-8 week programs, targeted and universal, age and stage specific)
- Arrernte cultural family support
- Supported accommodation for young mums with Ampe Akweke Place – ASYASS
- Pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding support
- Family support – schooling, court attendance, money management
- Foster care support
- Intensive family support
- Young mum's programs



Congress Child and Family Services

Our Child & Family Service supports Aboriginal families to help their children to learn well and grow strong from the moment they are born.

Our multi-disciplinary team approach ensures all children have access to best practice primary health care including:

- Child health checks
- Immunisations
- Medical care for illness and disease
- Support to access and transition to preschool
- Support for vulnerable families to keep children safe at home
- Support for families involved with the child protection system
- Early childhood education
- Child developmental assessments
- Referrals to specialist appointments



Other Community Health Services

- **Health Services include:**

- Universal Child & Family Health Services
- Birthing and post natal support
- Child health, nutrition & development support
- Child and youth mental health support
- Hospital services
- Children's Development Team, offering allied health services
- Women's health services



Other Services

- **Community Services include:**
 - Cultural programs & activities
 - Youth Centres
 - Education and inclusion support services
 - Recreation and Sporting activities
 - Toy Library
 - Alice Springs Aquatic Centre and Library
- **Others also include:**
 - Territory Families



Networks, Directories & Professional Development

- Strong Kids Strong Centre
- Communities for Children
- Connected Beginnings
- Larapinta Child and Family Centre

Alice Springs Collective
"Child Friendly Alice"

- Alice Springs Community Services Directory
- NTCOSS Community Directory
- Family Law Pathways Network Service Directory

- Child Australia Professional Development Calendar NT
- Early Childhood Educators Association – eceaalicesprings@gmail.com
- NAPCAN – National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect