

Customised and In-Service Professional Development

Ongoing learning and reflective practice is one of the principles in the Early Years Learning Framework and the Framework for School Aged Care that underpins practice focused on assisting children to make progress in relation to the Learning Outcomes.

What the Frameworks state;

'A lively culture of professional inquiry is established when educators and those with whom they work are all involved in an ongoing cycle of review through which current practices are reviewed and new ideas generated. Educators continually seek new ways to build their professional knowledge and develop learning communities.'

In service and customised professional development sessions are options that allow early childhood services to access quality professional learning if there is an identified gap within a priority area, or when services proactively develop ongoing professional development plans in consultation with management/committees, families and all service educators.

Approval of an in-service or customised professional development session is at the discretion of the PSC and will be assessed based on the availability of the requested facilitator.

1) In-Service Professional Development

In-Service workshops have not been adapted in any way from regular calendar workshops but are delivered to your team in your service at a time that is negotiated with the PSC. Opportunities for in-service workshops are limited due to the availability of facilitators.

Cost: \$270 per service per 2 hour workshop for the first 15 staff and \$20 for each additional participant.

2) Customised Professional Development

Customised workshops have been designed or adapted to meet the specific needs of your service. PSC can arrange for a facilitator to present a customised professional development session at your service on a needs basis. Customised sessions typically:

- Address specific needs of the service that can't be met through scheduled calendar workshops
- Require adaptations or development of workshop materials following discussions between the facilitator, PSC staff and service management
- Are held in your service at a time that meets your needs subject to facilitator availability

It is important to note that customised workshops must be planned in advance and are subject to availability of appropriate facilitators in your area.

Cost: \$375 per service per 2 hour workshop for the first 15 staff and \$25 for each additional participant.

To assist us in assessing your request, please complete the following questionnaire and return via fax or email to:

PSC WA Fax: 08 9249 4366 Email: pscwa@childaustralia.org.au

PSC NT Fax: 08 8941 6433 Email: pscnt@childaustralia.org.au

In-Service and Customised Professional Development Request Form

Date: _____

Service Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Preferred day, date and time of workshop:

Preferred facilitator if known (PSC will consider a facilitator that has been sourced by the service, providing accompanying documentation about the facilitator is provided along with request): _____

Reflections

What is your service hoping to gain or achieve from having this session facilitated at your service?

How will you evaluate the effectiveness of this session in assisting to meet the desired service outcomes?

What plan is in place to ensure your service/s will continue on an ongoing learning journey?

