

Virtual Swan Child and Parent Centre Tour Q&A

1.) Do you have national data? How many professionals and families are involved?

In Australia, FRCs have emerged organically, funded in different ways by local and state governments, and philanthropy. The national network that brings them all together is just a few years old. As such, this data has not yet been collected at the national level.

2.) Are any of the CPCs governed by voluntary Boards of Directors?

No. But in other parts of Australia, yes.

3.) For the Department of Education - What data do you expect the CPCs to collect? How is it collected?

Each Child and Parent Centre (CPC) collects the number of adults and children participating in the programs and services provided at and through the centres. Participants' ethnicity and suburb of residence data is also collected at set times during the year. Many centres also collect registration details when families first come to the centre. A proportion of families are asked to complete satisfaction surveys twice a year. Centre Coordinators provide Biannual Reports as part of their organisation's Service Agreement with the Department of Education.

4.) For Swan CPC - What data do you expect the CPCs to collect? How is it collected?

The data we collect is very basic, people sign in with a first name and whether or not the children that are with them are under kindy age or above. Twice a year we have a census period during which we collect more detail. In addition to the usual details we collect whether or not those attending identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the suburb they come from. This helps with future planning. While most of our programs and services are open to all some are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families only, these include many of our health services.

5.) What about groups of similar parents peer learning supported by facilitators?

We run a number of workshops with the Midvale Hub Parenting Service that are facilitated by the team and led by parents.

Early Parenting Groups are run onsite and facilitated by the child health nurse giving new parents a voice and an opportunity to share experiences.

Parents share stories with each other at our playgroups with members of our team present. These cover all aspects of the parenting journey.

We co-locate with organisations such as [kiind](#) that are peer led.

Melissa facilitates ENVISAGE First Peoples, which provides a supportive space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents and carers of children with developmental concerns to connect and share with each other.

6.) Do you provide certificates of completion?

The IAFSN provides certificates for trainings, which are paid events focused on skills-building. It does not provide certificates for webinars, which are free and focused on information sharing.