

What you'll find inside the Education Guide

Fostering a love of learning and having high educational expectations is vital for all children and young people.

That's why the Centre has developed an education guide full of information to assist carers and professionals who are supporting and connected to young people in care and who have left care. Each section focuses on a different age group from pre-school to secondary school and beyond. There is also information on **supports for carers** and **mental health and wellbeing supports** and services for children and young people.

You can find the guide here.

for Carers of Children in Out-of-Home Care



Learning And Education In The Early Years

The early years of a child's life provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning. This section has tips to support your child's **learning and development**, information on **early childhood services** such as **kindergartens and playgroups, immunisation, learning and education supports, services for Aboriginal children** and for **children with disabilities** and additional needs and **financial supports**.



Supporting Children Through Primary School

Building positive relationships and experiences in the early years of school is important to long-term development, learning and wellbeing. This section answers important questions such as **when should your child attend primary school?** And **how can you prepare them?** It has information on **enrolment processes**, what to do if your child witnesses or experiences **bullying, financial and educational supports at school**, what to do if your child has **additional needs** and **supports for Aboriginal children**.

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Supporting Young People Through Secondary School



Moving from primary school to secondary school is a big step. This section has information on **when your young person should start secondary school, how to choose a school, change schools and enrol**. It includes **what to do if you live outside the school zone**, the **types of things students learn** at school, what happens in **VCE and other study options, learning and education supports, financial supports, mentoring, supports for young Aboriginal people** and for **young people with disabilities** or additional needs.

Supporting Young People Beyond School



In Years 9 to 12, young people start thinking about what they will do when they leave school. This section has **guidance around questions** raised during this time. It looks at **how to talk to young people about their goals, higher education options** and **how to enrol** in them, **options for early school leavers, programs to get young people ready for higher education** and **employment and financial support**.