
Policy 4.09 Families and Children

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Under Review

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Scope

This policy applies to the delivery of Council operated family and child services and programs.

1.1.2 Purpose

This policy and its associated procedures encompass all processes implemented to effectively provide information and manage the delivery of Council operated family and child services and programs.

1.2 Definitions

Nil

1.3 Legislation

Commonwealth Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2012

Commonwealth Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998, No 157

NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012

NSW Children Legislation Amendment (Wood Inquiry Recommendations) Act 2009

1.4 Implementation

1.4.1 Policy statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will address the matter of 'Families and Children' in a systematic manner by:

- providing information and services to families and children in our community
- maintaining accessible and affordable family and child services and programs, particularly for families who are Aboriginal, low income or vulnerable
- providing services that meet all government statutory requirements and quality standards, including protecting the health and wellbeing of the children in our care
- prioritising services and programs that meet an identified gap in the community
- prioritising programs, education and services that enhance the capacity of families and children to live well and contribute to community life
- promoting a range of mechanisms that support family and community involvement in service delivery
- building strong interagency relationships with other child and family services.

1.5 Supporting documents

1.5.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
4.09.01	Acceptance and refusal of authorisation	External
4.09.02	Access, equity and inclusion	External
4.09.03	Allocation of vacancies	External
4.09.04	Arrivals and departures	External
4.09.05	Child protection	External
4.09.06	Clothing	External
4.09.08	Communicable diseases	External
4.09.09	Complaints	External
4.09.10	Confidentiality and access to child records	External
4.09.11	Dental Care	External
4.09.12	Emergency evacuation	External
4.09.13	Enrolment and orientation	External
4.09.14	Excursions/Incursions	External
4.09.15	Family involvement	External
4.09.17	Fees and charges	External
4.09.18	First aid	External
4.09.19	Food safety	External
4.09.20	Healthy environment	External
4.09.21	Immunisation, illness-exclusion and medication	External
4.09.22	Medical conditions	External
4.09.23	Nutritional meals and dietary requirements	External
4.09.24	Education and Care Services Philosophy	External
4.09.25	Purchasing	External
4.09.26	Respectful behaviours - interactions with children	External
4.09.27	Responsible person	External
4.09.28	Routines	External
4.09.29	Staff absences	External

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
4.09.30	Sun protection	External
4.09.31	Transitions	External
4.09.32	Volunteers and students	External
4.09.33	Water safety	External
4.09.34	Working with children check	External
4.09.36	Sleep and Rest Requirements	External

1.5.2 BVSC policies that relate to this policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
1.01	Community wellbeing
1.02	Inclusive communities
1.07	Cultural diversity
2.01	Community learning and education

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