



## **D**o you have a child with additional needs enrolled or about to be enrolled in a preschool, occasional care or vacation care centre?

Children with additional needs sometimes need extra help at preschool, occasional care or vacation care. As a parent, you want to make sure that your child is fully included in the centre's program.

The Supporting Children with Additional Needs (SCAN) scheme has been established by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS). SCAN assists children with additional needs to have equal access and be fully included in the centre's program.

If you have a child with additional needs either attending or about to attend a preschool, occasional care or vacation care service, your child may be eligible to receive SCAN support.

Funding is available to help preschools and childcare services support children with additional needs.

Funding may be used to provide specialist training for staff, employ a support worker, improve resources, or buy equipment or books that are suitable for children with additional needs.

## **Is my child eligible to receive support?**

Your child may be eligible for extra help if they are:

- from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background
- a child with challenging behaviours
- a child with a disability.

## **What services can apply for SCAN?**

Services need to be funded by DoCS to be eligible for SCAN. This can include preschools, occasional care services, vacation care services and some occasional care places in multipurpose centres.



## How do I help my child get support from the SCAN scheme?

Talk to the Director or Coordinator at your child's centre. They need to apply for SCAN funding with your permission.

If you are currently looking for a child care service or preschool for your child, ring the Child Care & Family Info Line on (02) 8594 4244 or 1800 803 820 and ask for the name of your local DoCS funded preschool, occasional care or vacation care service.

The Child Care & Family Info Line will also be able to provide you with information about other programs such as the Intervention Support Program managed by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

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## Contacts

Child Care & Family  
Info Line

**(02) 8594 4244**  
or **1800 803 820**

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