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## 1. Purpose

YMCA SA Children's Services ensure that a thorough and comprehensive enrolment and orientation process is provided to all new and existing children and their families. The enrolment policy ensures a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment is provided from the outset and that YMCA teams have all required information to provide the best possible service and care, as well as managing our legal obligations. By facilitating the initial and ongoing gathering of information, the service is able to be responsive to individual needs while supporting the child in their new environment. The Enrolment Policy ensures services meet their obligations under the Education and Care National Regulations (2011) as well as the broader National Quality Framework.

## 2. Scope

The scope of this policy applies to all YMCA SA Children's Services that operate under the Education and Care National Regulations, including Before and After School Care Services and Vacation Care Programs.


## 3. Procedures

Families will be directed to the YMCA SA website to complete an enrolment form online via Xplor.

In order to achieve a comprehensive orientation and enrolment process, the Children's Services Support Team will collaborate with Service Directors to will a full and complete enrolment form, including Direct Debit Information is obtained for each child attending the service, prior to their first day of attendance.

This includes information about the child such as:

- The contact details for the parents and all emergency contacts
- Any authorised person who has been given permission by a parent or family member to collect the child from the service.
- Details of any court orders, parenting orders or parenting plans
- Current written authorisations signed by the parent (e.g. consent to medical treatment from a doctor, hospital or ambulance service and transportation of the child by ambulance)
- Current information about the healthcare needs of the child
- Current medical-management plans
- Details of any dietary restrictions
- Immunisation status
- Behaviour Guidance strategies (where applicable)
- Access to the service may be restricted until all information is completed and up to date.
- In the case of Vacation Care Programs, additional Booking Forms may be requested prior to each School Holidays for each child.
- Families are provided access to Family Assistance Office/Centrelink information to register for financial assistance toward the cost of care.

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- The Australian Government's Priority of Access Guidelines are implemented where applicable.
- The service Family Handbook is available via the website [Downloads | YMCA SA](#)
- Once the enrolment is complete, the Support Team will provide the family will relevant information on booking, billing, and service information.


### Family Responsibilities

It is the parent/guardian/account holder's responsibility to.

- Ensure all information relating to the child is current and provide updated information when requested by the service (at least annually) or whenever details provided on the enrolment form are no longer current.
- Inform the service via the Xplor Home App or contacting the Support Team, of the cancellation of care or of any requests to change days/sessions adhering to the applicable notice period.
- Ensure all details are updated when required with the Family Assistance Office.
- Read, understood, and agree to the relevant service Family Handbook, Policies and Procedures prior to attending the service for the first time and when requested thereafter.
- Download the Xplor Home app, use this to sign their child in and out each session, notify of absences, update billing information or request additional bookings. Further Information on how to use the app can be found [Xplor | YMCA SA](#)

### Orientation

- It is the Nominated Supervisor's responsibility to ensure an effective orientation occurs for all new children. Children may require an additional orientation period where appropriate.
- Written information will be attained (within the enrolment form) to be used to start developing a child's profile to be added to throughout their time in the service.
- All children will be offered a buddy of choice to help settle in the service and learn the expectations and routines from a child focused point of view.
- Transportation of children to and from the service will be explained to child as well as the parent/guardian/account holders to ensure meeting points, transportation procedures and sign in / out procedure are clear.


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#### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

Department / Area	Role / Responsibility
Children's Services Management	<p>Is responsible for the development, monitoring, and review of the policy and related systems, ensuring content meets all legislated requirements.</p> <p>To facilitate policy awareness to all educators on the appropriate implementation and use of the policy.</p>
Responsible Persons	<p>YMCA nominated supervisor/ and or service management will oversee the implementation and service adherence of the policy.</p> <p>Nominated supervisor/person with management and control will seek individual community feedback and facilitate an active consultation process with service users as appropriate.</p> <p>Is responsible for addressing any instance of non-compliance with this policy- and implementing strategies to help prevent non-compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Responsible for ensuring suitable resources and support systems to enable compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Drive the consultation process and provide leadership and advice on the continuous improvement of the policy.</p>
All employees, volunteers & students	<p>Responsible for meeting the requirements outlined in this Policy.</p> <p>Responsible for raising concerns or complaints in accordance with this Policy.</p>

#### 5. Key Relevant Documents

- YMCA's of Australia Enrolment and Orientation Policy
- [ACECQA - Approved Learning Frameworks Version 2.0 - Communications toolkit | ACECQA](#)
- [National Quality Framework | ACECQA](#)
- [National Law - Department of Education, Australian Government](#)
- [National Regulations | ACECQA](#)
- Priority of Access [Microsoft Word - Instruction sheet 10 100610.doc \(dss.gov.au\)](#)

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- [Homepage | Education Standards Board SA \(esb.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.esb.sa.gov.au)
- [Outside School Hour Care | YMCA SA](#)

## 6. Legislative and Industry Requirements

- Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations
- Family Assistance Law
- National Priority of Access Guidelines

## 7. Monitoring Evaluation and Review

This procedure will be reviewed every two years or earlier for reasonable cause or upon the request of the YMCA South Australia Board.

## 8. Version History

Version	Date	Description of changes	Effective Date	Review Date
1.0	19/06/2012	First Draft		
2.0	24/07/2012	Approved version		
3.0	03/05/2016	Reviewed - updated legislation and incorporated details to comply with National regulation 168		
4.0	07/08/2019	Converted to Procedure		
5.0	07/07/2023	Updated links and reviewed		