

Preparing for the new National Quality Framework



The National Professional Support Coordinator (PSC) Alliance is working closely with the Department of Employment, Education & Workplace Relations (DEEWR), State and Territory Governments and key stakeholders to roll out a national strategy supporting child care services to understand and implement the new National Quality Framework (NQF) being progressively introduced from 1 July 2010 with services implementing the new system from 1 January 2012.

The PSCs in each state and territory are ready to support Australian Government Approved Child Care Services (AGACCs) prepare for the new system. In 2011, a broad range of resources, professional development, consultancy and support services will be available from your local PSC at **subsidised rates** for eligible services, starting with some free Foundational Information Sessions from early 2011. PSCs are working closely with the Australian Government, so you can be confident you will be the first to receive the most up to date information about the NQF.

In a significant change from the old QA system, a key focus of the NQF requires educators to articulate their practice and knowledge base. The best preparation for NQF is to be working now towards embedding the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) into practice. The PSCs offer a range of nationally consistent resources, professional development and support options to assist implementation of EYLF, which will complement the national EYLF Professional Learning Program being offered by Early Childhood Australia (ECA).

Professional Development & Workshops

A number of **Free Foundational Information** sessions will be offered for AGACCs nationally with in-service or network options available at subsidised rates. Sessions will provide overview of the NQF and what this means for services.

Educator Meeting Packages provide directors, coordinators and service leaders with materials and resources to lead learning and development within team and educator meetings. These packages will provide opportunities for dialogue, professional conversations and reflection to support your team implement NQF.

EYLF Professional Development & Support

Professional development, consultancy and resources are available from all State and Territory PSCs to support child care services **understand and implement EYLF** including articulating curriculum development and documentation to meet the new NQF.

Expert Support, Consultancy and Networking

In each state and territory, **local support and consultancy** will be available providing educators with expert advice and opportunities to discuss and reflect on their practice with colleagues and peers.

Online Resources & Support

A **National Online Frequently Asked Questions** link will be available from early 2011. It will provide up to date information on the National Quality Framework and include responses to frequently asked questions from the sector.

Regular **e-tips** will be sent to all child care services nationally and posted on the PSC Alliance website. E-tips will provide useful and practical information to support implementation of NQF and quality improvement.

A quarterly **NQS Newsletter** will be distributed nationally to all child care services from early 2011 with examples from services who are successfully moving through the self assessment process, examples of NQF implementation and the latest information from DEEWR. Online powerpoint presentations based on the free foundational information sessions will be available for download.

Contact your local PSC

For more information on available professional development, support and resources for the NQF, contact your PSC as listed below.

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