

3.6 Transport of Children

Policy Statement

To remove any doubt, the Service will not transport or arrange transport for children for any other purpose than an approved excursion. Any other transportation of children must be arranged and conducted by the parent/guardian (or relevant other persons).

The Approved Provider recognises the requirement of Education and Care Services National Regulation 168 (2) (ga) for where a service transports or arranges transport other than part of excursions.

The Service recognises that children are considered to be under the care of the Service at the point the service is taken to assume responsibility for their care and wellbeing. The National Law and National Regulations then apply. Where and if transportation forms part of the service provided by OSHC, the service will be responsible for children during that period of transportation.

Procedures

All transportation to and from the service's premises will be:

- As part of an excursion (see policy 3.5 Excursions); or
- arranged and conducted by the parent/guardian or entity as described below.

The Service will not arrange or conduct any transport of children outside of these arrangements.

Examples of transport not forming part of an education and care service include:

- Private transport provided by families and carers (i.e. carers not engaged by / registered with an education and care service)
- Transport provided and/or arranged by an entity other than the education and care approved provider, for example a school bus, and the children are not under the care of the approved provider
- Transport where the education and care approved provider is providing the transport service in a capacity other than as the education and care approved provider – e.g. a government department that provides an education and care service, provides school education, and provides a school bus to school students, on which the children who attend the education and care service also travel for practical reasons (such as in a remote or rural location)
- When a disability service picks up children and transports them to school or to an activity

ACECQA Info Sheet – Safe transport of children

<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-08/Infosheet-SafeTransportationOfChildren.pdf>

Referances

Education and Care Services National Law Act, 2010 and Regulations 2011

- QLD Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act, 1995
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard, Quality Areas: 1 – Educational program and practice; and 2 – Children’s health and safety

Related Policies

- 2.4 Arrivals and Departures of Children
- 3.5 Excursions

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