Is RPL for you?

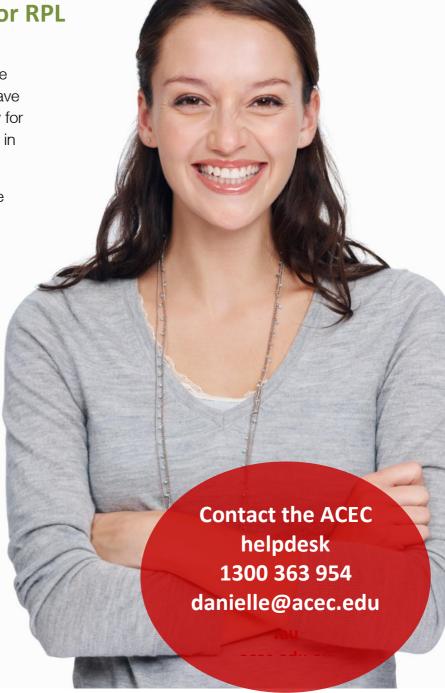
Have you been contributing to the Weekly Tasks with Centre Support?

You might already qualify for RPL

If you or anyone at your service is currently contributing to the weekly tasks as part of the Centre Support systems, you may already have enough knowledge and experience to qualify for recognition of prior leaning for a Certificate III in Children's Services.

The Australian Community Education College is affiliated with Centre Support, so as a client of Centre Support, please consider us as your first stop when it comes to all of your training needs.

Call our helpdesk today for a complimentary initial assessment of whether you or someone in your team qualifies for an RPL, or perhaps a traineeship. Substantial government funding may be available to your service.







How to use Centre Support video links.

We have placed video links here that you and your educators can click on and a video will pop up to teach you more about the section that the video link is next to.



Video Training Click Here



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Remember: Our material can be printed or used as a digital PDF copy and kept on your computer.



Management

Your team crave feedback on their weekly Centre Support professional development.

Getting appropriate feedback and seeing actions which come from their comments and reflections inspires them to keep on completing the professional development. It's important therefore that you read the Educators' section and make sure you and/or the Educational Leader:

- action the checklist results eg if educators ask for help by answering 'T' they get the help they need
- follow up their critical reflection ie help implement outcomes
- use their QIP contributions and display them.

Each week in the Nominated Supervisor section we will include:

- an area where you can set and monitor weekly goals
- a checklist based on the meeting indicators for the Element (this week it's based on the exceeding themes for Standard 3.2)
- a review of the Regulations that apply to the Element (or other relevant information if no Regs apply)
- information about employment practices from the Federal Government's Fair Work website

Please note the 'Partnerships with Families' document that comes with the email should be displayed somewhere families can easily see it eg near attendance book and on your social media site i.e. Facebook. It provides families with the opportunity to contribute to policy reviews as required under Element 6.1.2.



- Set a goal for the week.
 Goal doesn't always need to link to NQS
 Element. A goal can be used to solve a
 challenge or be positive improvement i.e.
 learning area setup
 - Click here for goal template.
 - 2. Identify barriers
 - 3. Track the goal daily
 - 4. Celebrate achieved goal.



Help your educators write the QIP with the weekly professional development activities.

Why are you doing this? Your educators have discovered where your services' practice is compared to the NQS Guide (Comparing what you currently do and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's Exceeding checklist). If they have discovered practices, processes, checklist or areas they need to improve upon, help them improve. It could be with training, changing a checklist, a procedure or a physical area. Write this up in the QIP's improvement section. If your educators have discovered practice that is EXCEEDING, they then add 'How they are Exceeding', by typing it in below the question in the space provided.

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Critical Reflection	
Group (page 10)	

Use the information from the Critical Reflection on Page 6 right hand column (Step 2 Change Practice) and policy review to complete this section. We strongly suggest <u>all</u> educators complete their own Critical Reflection page so they can contribute to the QIP.

Actions identified from critical reflection and other sections from the weekly material

Input	Quality	Educator	Ideas to be actioned – these become your improvement plan	Date complete

As Nominated Supervisor and Educational Leader, you need to help your educators plan HOW they are going to action the improvements they identified.

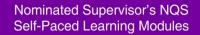




Analysis of Centre Support - Part 2, comment and give feedback to your educators from the 3 sections

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Last step – if no adjustments are required, copy educators' input from their Centre Support's weekly professional develop sheets directly into your QIP's strength section and display QIP so all educators can see how their valuable input creates your QIP.







Why are you doing the checklist?

The practices identified in the checklist are what the assessor needs to see you do so they can check you're 'exceeding the NQS'. If there's something on the checklist that you're not doing, then you need to either adjust your practice to do it, or you may need help and training to do what's on the checklist.

Standard 3.2 Exceeding themes Use Please conduct this checklist and address issues that are identified

Embedded Practice			
Is there evidence all educators consistently support children's efforts to learn about and	O Yes	ONo	ONA
become involved in caring for the environment?			
Is there evidence all educators implement activities which teach children about caring for	O Yes	ONo	ONA
the environment, and that you highlight relevant service practices that do this?			
Is there evidence all educators use space and resources flexibly and in ways which	O Yes	ONo	ONA
encourage all children to participate and achieve learning outcomes – and could they			
confidently explain how they do this to an assessor?			
Is there evidence all educators regularly adapt spaces and resources to help children	O Yes	ONo	ONA
participate eg each day, week, month etc?			
Are you confident all educators could explain to an assessor how their approach to	O Yes	ONo	ONA
inclusive environments, and teaching children about environmental responsibility, is			
consistent with the service philosophy?			
Critical Reflection			
Is there evidence all educators regularly contribute to critical reflections, including with	O Yes	ONo	ONA
all service staff, about the way space and resources can best be used to promote			
inclusive, play-based learning environments?			
Is there evidence all educators regularly contribute to critical reflections about the best	O Yes	ONo	ONA
ways to teach children their environmental responsibilities?			
Is there evidence all staff regularly contribute to critical reflections about sustainable	O Yes	ONo	ONA
practices at the service and work together to implement and strengthen these practices?			
Are you confident all educators can discuss some of the current recognised guidelines	O Yes	ONo	ONA
implementing play-based learning environments and teaching children how to care for			
the environment?			
Is there evidence you ensure any change to the service's approach to organising	O Yes	ONo	ONA
inclusive, play-based learning environments and supporting environmental responsibility			
is understood by all and implemented appropriately?			
Engagement with families and community			
Is there evidence all educators use and organise spaces and resources in ways that reflect	O Yes	ONo	ONA
the service's unique geographical, cultural and community context?			
Is there evidence all educators teach children about caring for the environment in ways	O Yes	ONo	ONA
that reflect the service's unique geographical, cultural and community context?			
Is there evidence all educators consistently engage with children, families and	O Yes	ONo	ONA
community members about the use of spaces, resources and ways to include diverse			
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Is there evidence educators take children on excursions and use community spaces and	O Yes	ONo	ONA
resources to engage children in learning, including how to care for the environment?			
Is there evidence all educators support families to implement practices at home which	O Yes	ONo	ONA
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Regulation section

As we've looked at what Regulations go with Standard 3.2's Elements, this week we're reviewing the <u>Transition Payment Guidelines</u>, the <u>Transition Payment Grant Template</u> and <u>Information Sheet for CCS Providers</u> recently released by the Federal Government.

New guidance in addition to that provided in last week's professional development includes:

- eligible providers will be sent an offer with a funding amount and can accept the Offer by returning a signed agreement agreeing to the terms and conditions of the grant (which is legally binding) Refer to <u>Information Sheet about how to complete</u> and submit the Offer
- providers need to accept Offer by 5 pm 1 July2020 to ensure they receive first payment made in the week starting 13 July (received from 17 July)
- the Department will work with new services approved for CCS on or after 13 July 2020 on a relevant reference fortnight
- the Transition Payment Offer lapses on 3 September 2020
- Transition Payments will paid weekly from when providers signs the offer. Payments will not be made until the signed Offer is returned
- there will no Transition Payments for the weeks starting 14 September and 21 September as there is an extra week's 50% payment under the current Relief Package (15 payments over 14 weeks)
- Transition Payments will be paid instead of JobKeeper except for the week starting 13 July 2020 where you receive both (JobKeeper ends 20 July 2020)
- you must continue to employ and offer work over the transition period to employees who were paid in the fortnight of 29 June to 12 July 2020 (or relevant fortnight for vacation care only services), including employees who worked, were on short-term leave, or who did not work but were paid JobKeeper, but excluding those on long term leave. This does not include employees who engage in 'serious misconduct' or lose an essential qualification

- you must be open and provide care for the usual hours of operation (unless directed to close)
- you must not increase fees, including administration fees, or charge new fees not in a family's Complying Written Agreement
- you must keep records supporting your signed Offer for 3 years



4.2.2 Professional standards

Professional standards guide practice, interactions and relationships.

Fair Work

The Federal Government's Fair Work website https://www.fairwork.gov.au/ has a lot of simple, easy to understand information about employee entitlements as well as some useful templates. Each week we'll share information from the website. This week we look at Awards and Registered Agreements

Awards are legal documents that outline the minimum pay rates and conditions of employment.

Employers can be covered by more than one award depending on the jobs the employees do. In the ECEC sector the following Awards usually apply:

- Children's Services Award
- Education Services (Teachers) Award (covering early childhood teachers
- Clerks Private Sector Award (covering office staff)

Awards don't apply when an employer has a **Registered Agreement** like an Enterprise Agreement in place. However:

- the base pay rate in the registered agreement can't be less than the base pay rate in the award and
- the National Employment Standards still apply.