

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.



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



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 4.2)
- 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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Analysis of Centre Support – Part 1 To see a completed sample of these pages click here

Room or Group:			
Section	Comment		
Goal			
(Page 1)			
Checklist Theme 1			
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Checklist Theme 2			
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Checklist Theme 3			
(Page 3)			
Critical Reflection			
(Page 5)			
Policy review			
(page 9)			
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 educators complete their own Critical Reflection page</u> 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.

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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.

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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 4.2 Exceeding themes Professionalism Please conduct this checklist and address issues that are identified

Embedded Practice			
Are all your interactions with staff, children and families respectful and positive?	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Is there evidence all educators willingly share information, ask for help and acknowledge		ONo	ONA
the strengths and skills of others?			
Is there evidence all educators regularly collaborate with team members ie affirm,	O Yes	ONo	ONA
challenge, support and learn from them?			
Do you and all staff collaborate and interact with others in ways consistent with the	O Yes	ONo	ONA
service Code of Conduct/Ethics?			
Do you and all staff collaborate and interact with others in ways consistent with your	O Yes	ONo	ONA
service philosophy, policies and procedures?			
Critical Reflection			
Is there evidence all educators regularly contribute to critical reflections on the Service's	O Yes	ONo	ONA
professional standards, ethical issues that come up and opportunities to strengthen			
ethical practice?			
Is there evidence all educators regularly contribute to critical reflections about the	O Yes	ONo	ONA
curriculum and teaching practices and theories?			
Do you ensure new educators are supported to collaborate, share and learn from others	O Yes	ONo	ONA
and develop their strengths and skills?			
Is there evidence all staff are aware of ethical and professional standards underpinning	O Yes	ONo	ONA
their practice and ways to strengthen these?			
Are decision-making processes are aligned with service professional standards and Code	O Yes	ONo	ONA
of Conduct/Ethics?			
Do you ensure all staff understand any changes to service professional standards and	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Code of Conduct/Ethics?			
Engagement with families and community			
Is there evidence professional collaboration and standards is informed by the service's	O Yes	ONo	ONA
unique geographical, cultural and community context?			
Is there evidence you and all staff welcome and consider the voices, priorities and	O Yes	ONo	ONA
strengths of children and families when collaborating and interacting with others?			
Is there evidence you and all staff work together with others from diverse backgrounds	O Yes	ONo	ONA
to ensure all children, families and community members feel included and represented in			
activities and experiences?			
Is there evidence you and all staff consistently communicate with and support families in	O Yes	ONo	ONA
culturally sensitive ways?			
Is there evidence you seek the views of families/community members in relation to	O Yes	ONo	ONA
ethical issues at the service?			

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Is there evidence educators regularly exchange ideas and best practice with families and community members?	O Yes	ONo	ONA
Actions required to embed practice			



Regulation section

As there are no Regulations for either of the Elements in Standard 4.2, this week we're reviewing the Government's Additional Child Care Subsidy and COVID-19 Temporary Financial Hardship Information Sheet which is attached to the weekly professional development email.

The Information Sheet explains:

- the subsidy is a short-term payment to help families experiencing significant financial stress with the cost of child care
- the subsidy covers the cost of care (up to 120 per cent of the hourly rate cap) for up to 13 weeks per event
- families can access up to 100 hours of subsidised care without meeting the activity test
- families are eligible if they get CCS and experience a specified event. These include the unexpected loss of employment, and the loss of income or business failure due to circumstances outside their control
- families must apply within 6 months of the event
- families can apply by accessing their Centrelink online account through myGov or the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.



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 Fair Work's Leave Calculator.

Leave accumulates gradually during the year and any unused annual leave rolls over from year to year.

The Leave Calculator calculates annual leave and annual leave loading that has accumulated under an award or the National Employment Standards (NES) using Fair Work's best practice method.

The Calculator asks a series of questions to determine the correct answer including:

- whether employees are trainees
- whether employees are fulltime, part-time or casual and their hours
- employees' age bracket
- employee's classification level
- how much unpaid leave and paid leave was taken during specified period.

Note the Calculator doesn't take into account any period an employee was on workers' compensation.

The Calculator has previously also calculated personal/carer's leave. This function is currently not available while Fair Work review the August 2019 Federal Court decision in relation to personal/carer's leave accruals.