

Allergies

Policy Statement

We aim to provide safe and effective care of children by ensuring that staff are fully aware of reactions to, and management of, any child's allergies.

Policy Considerations

- Department of Health Recommendations
- NSW Early Childhood Education and Care 'Anaphylaxis Guidelines'
- ACT Government Education Directorate 'Food Allergies'
- National Quality Standards/Elements: 2.1 (Health)

Procedure

- Parents will be asked to inform the Service of any allergies the child may have at the time of enrolment.
- Parents will be asked to provide medical action plans (asthma, allergy, anaphylaxis action plans) as well as Medical Risk Management plans on enrolment to the Service.
- Staff to develop a Risk-Minimisation and Communication Plan in consultation with the family of a child with allergies.
- Relevant staff members and volunteers will be informed about the medical conditions policy and the medical management plan and risk minimisation plan for the child.
- Families will be given a copy of the Risk-Minimisation and Communication Plan and can communicate any changes to the medical management plan and risk minimisation plan for the child by directly editing the plan, providing changes in writing or updating changes in person at the Service.
- Allergy information will be identified on the child's enrolment form.
- If a food allergy exists, parents may be asked to supply any particular diet if required.
- All staff are to make themselves aware of children's allergies by reading medical quick lists as available at the Service. Children's allergies are also discussed during regular team meetings.
- The OSHC program operates as a nut free environment.

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