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The National Quality Framework (NQF) for Early Childhood Education and Care helps ensure your child is given the best possible start in life.

For the first time, every state and territory in Australia is working to achieve the same quality outcomes for children, no matter where they live.

Major benefits for parents and children in long day care, family day care, preschools, kindergartens and outside school hours care services are:

- greater individual care and attention for children
- better support for children's learning and development
- educators with increased skills and qualifications
- improved educator to child ratios in most services
- a ratings system of education and care services.

To find out more about the NQF and how it affects you and your child, visit the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website:

www.acecqa.gov.au/families