



## Eligibility

### **Policy:**

Access to the programs currently operating within Stepping Stones Child Care Centre is determined by the availability of places, and meeting the criteria specific to each service set out below:

### **Long Day Care:**

Eligibility to use any federally funded day care service is determined by the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR) "Priority of Access Guidelines" which are:

#### **Priority 1:**

A child at risk of serious abuse or neglect.

#### **Priority 2:**

A child of a parent (or both parents) who satisfied the Government's work, training, study test.

#### **Priority 3:**

Any other child.

Families that meet the "Priority of Access Guidelines" will be given preference. Children with a sibling attending the centre will also be given preference. As per staffing policy, children of staff members are also given priority.

### **Source:**

Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

[www.oeccecc.gov.au](http://www.oeccecc.gov.au) – Information for Families using Child Care: Fact Sheet 16

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/EarlyChildhood/Resources/Documents/LDC\\_Program\\_Guidelines\\_180509.pdf](http://www.deewr.gov.au/EarlyChildhood/Resources/Documents/LDC_Program_Guidelines_180509.pdf)

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