

	PARTIES		
ISSUES	Australian Labor Party	Liberal-National Coalition	The Greens
Child Care Subsidy (CCS)	<p>Lift the maximum CCS rate for one child in early learning and care from 85% to 90%, from July 2023.</p> <p>Retain the 30% boost to CCS (up to 95%) for a second or subsequent child (aged up to 5) in early learning and care, including outside school hours care and vacation care. (Household income must be under \$530,000.)</p> <p>Instruct the Productivity Commission to review the early learning and care sector, with the aim of implementing a universal CCS rate of 90% for all families.</p>	<p>Keep the maximum CCS rate for one child in early learning and care at 85%.</p> <p>Has already introduced a 30% boost to CCS (up to 95%) for a second or subsequent child (aged up to 5) in early learning and care, excluding outside school hours care and vacation care. (Household income must be under \$354,305.)</p>	<p>Free early learning and care for all families.</p>
Out-of-pocket costs	<p>Instruct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to design a price regulation mechanism to control the cost of early learning and care.</p>		
Preschool/kindergarten		<p>Continue developing the National Preschool Reform Agreement (2022-2025) with the states and territories, with a Commonwealth contribution of \$1.84 billion.</p>	<p>Two years of free preschool/kindergarten for every child, for 24 hours per week.</p>
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities		<p>Closing the Gap target: By 2025, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enrolled in Year Before Fulltime Schooling (YBFS) early childhood education to 95 per cent.</p> <p><a href="#">Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2021</a>: \$122.6 million over three</p>	<p>Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled early learning and care services.</p>

		years for expanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-led early learning and care programs.  <a href="#">National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Strategy</a>	
Access to early learning and care		\$19.4 million to fund up to 20 new early learning and care services in regional, rural and remote Australia.	\$200m in grants to community-based and not-for-profit providers to increase the number of places available.
Early childhood educators and teachers			Higher pay and better conditions.
Structure of the early learning and care sector			Phase out for-profit providers of early learning and care.
Transparency and competition	Require large providers of early learning and care, and landlords owning more than 10 early learning and care centres, to publicly report their revenue and profit results.  Ensure that the website <a href="http://www.childcarefinder.gov.au">www.childcarefinder.gov.au</a> includes: every CCS-approved provider; real-time fee data; quality ratings; and average year-on-year fee increases.  Ban early learning and care providers from offering non-educational enrolment inducements.		
Cross-portfolio planning	Develop an Early Years Strategy for Australia.		
Reference documents	<a href="#">ALP policy statement</a> <a href="#">ALP Early Years Strategy</a>	<a href="#">Liberal Party policy statement</a>	<a href="#">Greens policy statement</a>