

Flying Start for kids



Fact sheet

Integrated hubs and Preschool Plus

South Australia is offering a Preschool Plus program of up to 30 hours per week for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds who will benefit the most, including in integrated hubs.

Integrated hubs bring together preschool, health and wellbeing services, and other tailored supports, helping families and children most at risk to access the help they need in one place.

This initiative is part of the South Australian Government's investment in quality preschool services to improve outcomes for young children in South Australia, including the roll-out of universal preschool for 3-year-olds.

Key features of integrated hubs

- **30 hours of high-quality preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds (known as Preschool Plus)**
- **Resources to build educator capacity to meet the needs of the children**
- **Access to family and child and health and development services**
- **Parenting and family support programs**
- **Place-based additional supports**

Community designed

Each integrated hub will explore the ways for services to work together and connect with their community, which best help local children and families receive the support they need to thrive.

The Office for Early Childhood Development (OECED) will work with site leaders to form an Enabling Group, working with local services and the community to design what support will be available through the integrated hub.

Rolling out the integrated hubs

Two integrated hub demonstration sites – Port Pirie West Children's Centre and Goodstart Early Learning Elizabeth Vale – began operating as integrated hubs in late 2025, and commenced offering the Preschool Plus (30-hour) program in Term 1, 2026. These two sites are helping to inform the roll-out of the other integrated hubs across the state.

A total of 20 integrated hubs will be operating across the state by 2032. Further partners are being identified through a commissioning process.

Updates on selected sites will be published on our website.

Frequently asked questions

My child is already attending a service that is becoming an integrated hub, what does this change mean for our family?

You won't need to do anything - there are no changes to your current enrolment.

If your child is already attending a long day care centre that will become an integrated hub they will keep their existing enrolment and will have access to a Preschool Plus program of up to 30 hours of teacher-led, play-based early learning.

As a local family, you will be invited to provide your view on the types of services that might be available at the new integrated hub.

Some renovations are planned for the new integrated hubs, but your service will provide more information about this and any disruption will be minimised. Services will also receive additional funding to help them transition into their new role as an integrated hub.

Will my child be eligible for the Preschool Plus (30-hour) program?

Yes. Integrated hubs will offer Preschool Plus to 3- and 4-year-olds enrolled at their service. Preschool Plus is a targeted program to provide additional hours of preschool, over and above the universal preschool offer. Preschool Plus will also be available through a referral process at some identified long day care and sessional preschool services across South Australia.

How does more preschool hours benefit young children?

Teacher-led, play-based preschool programs are where children learn as they play. Evidence shows that two years of early childhood education are better than one for all children. Positive, supported early childhood experiences help with building language and curiosity, making friends, strengthening physical health and motor skills and enhancing a sense of culture and belonging.

How can I enrol my child in an integrated hub?

You will need to complete the required paperwork at the service where you want to enrol your child. Integrated hub staff will support you to confirm availability and complete the enrolment process.

How much will it cost?

Each long day care and preschool service will have existing fees and payment arrangements, but eligible families enrolled in the Preschool Plus (30-hour) program at an integrated hub will be offered relief. The centre leader will talk to each eligible family about the level of fee relief they will be entitled to.

What will the daily hours be?

Operating hours may vary depending on the specific hub and local needs. Children who are enrolled at integrated hubs are eligible for up to 30 hours a week, or 1,200 hours per year. The integrated hub will confirm the days and hours of operation. For sessional preschools, early childhood education and care services, like out-of-hours care, may also be available at certain locations.

How will the community be involved in designing their local integrated hub?

Services will offer local families the chance to share their views on the support they need through tools such as workshops and surveys. This place-based engagement will happen prior to an integrated hub launching in your area. Preschools, local services and the OECD will promote opportunities for your family to have your say.

What's the difference between a Children's Centre and an integrated hub?

The key difference is that an integrated hub offers a **30-hour preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds** as well as additional resources to address developmental vulnerability.

Integrated hubs build on a long history of the Children's Centres for Early Childhood Development and Parenting (Children's Centres) in South Australia.

