

Out-of-home care

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition: Out-of-home care (OOHC) is one of a range of programs provided to children and young people under 18 years of age who are in need of care and protection. This program provides alternative overnight accommodation for children and young people who are unable to live with their parents. These arrangements include foster care, placements with relatives or kin and residential care. In most cases, children in out-of-home care are also on a care and protection order of some kind.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Out-of-home care is considered an intervention of last resort, with the current emphasis being to keep children with their families wherever possible. Where children, for various reasons, need to be placed in out-of-home care, the practice is to attempt to reunite children with their families. If it is necessary to remove a child from his or her family, then placement within the wider family or community is preferred.

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

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[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021

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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

[Funded out-of-home care placement](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

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