

## START

Child Care Subsidy or CCS (implemented mid- 2018) in place

- Means-tested
- Paid to services who pass on to families
- Services receive an average of 62% of revenue from CCS

# CHANGES TO ECEC FUNDING DURING COVID 19

## 1. "FREE CHILDCARE" POLICY

- April 6, CCS system is halted
- Relief package pays 50% of revenue to services (based on a reference week in February) and additional support through Job Keeper
- Families access ECEC for free if essential worker or vulnerable

## STATES ANNOUNCE FREE PRESCHOOL

April 9, NSW, VIC and QLD announce free preschool for six months

## 2. TRANSITION POLICY BEGINS

July 12, "free childcare" policy ends, CCS restarts and a 3 month transition package paying 25% of revenue. Activity test for impacted families relaxed.

## JOB KEEPER ENDS FOR SECTOR

July 20, federal government ends Job Keeper for sector

## 3. VIC SUPPORT POLICY

August 5, 5% of additional support provided to services in Melbourne

## 4. RECOVERY PACKAGE

Sept 28, transition policy ends, but services in Victoria continue to receive 25% fee support and families have fee freeze

## RECOVERY PACKAGE ENDS

January 31 recovery package expected to end

## EASING OF ACTIVITY TEST ENDS

April 4

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

January

April



## COVID DECLARED A PANDEMIC

Services report 30-50% decrease in attendance in March and 30% fear closure



## REVIEW OF RELIEF PACKAGE

May 18, federal govt. reports 99% of services are still operational



## VICTORIA DECLARES STATE OF DISASTER

Aug 2, Vic announces second lockdown with nearly 12,000 cases. Only children of permitted workers/vulnerable allowed to ECEC



## VICTORIA ENTERS STEP 2

Oct 5, all children allowed to return to ECEC

