

Start Strong for Long Day Care Program 2023 Financial Accountability Statement

Approved Provider	Example LDC
Funding Specification	Example - SSL

Part 1: 2023 Fee Relief Payment

The NSW Government provided fee relief to families from 2023 as part of Start Strong for Long Day Care 2023 program. The Fee Relief Payment aims to reduce the cost of early childhood education and care to families and provide services with sustainable long-term funding to deliver affordable quality preschool education to eligible **children aged 4 and above enrolled in eligible long day care services in NSW**.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2023 Fee Relief Payment (for children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023)	\$46,420.00
Fee Relief Payment from transferred service (applicable only to services that received funds directly from a transferring service during the 2023 calendar year. Please leave it blank if not applicable.)	\$2,400.00
Unexpended Fee Relief Funds Unexpended Fee Relief funds are Fee Relief funds that were not allocated to an enrolment, e.g. fewer children enrolled than funding was provided for, or for enrolled children where families have claimed Fee Relief elsewhere. This amount should not be included in Funding Used to Reduce Fees/Expenditure section below.	\$6,330.00
TOTAL ADJUSTED INCOME	\$42,490.00

Note: Funding must be used to reduce fees and charges in accordance with Section 4.1.2 Fee Relief Payment Spending Rules of the [2023 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

FUNDING USED TO REDUCE FEES / EXPENDITURE	
Amount of Fee Relief Payment provided in 2023 as weekly reduction to families for children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023 to reduce session fees or gap fees across the service's total number of operating weeks for the calendar year.	\$39,136.02
After reducing family gap fees to zero for children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023, amount of Fee Relief Payment funding used in 2023 to cover the cost of additional charges imposed on eligible children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023 (e.g. levies).	\$ 250.00
Expenditure of remaining Fee Relief Payment funding from Term 4:	
Any remaining Fee Relief Payment funds used to reduce fees in 2023 for eligible children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023 not accessing fee relief at the service (e.g. children of families with greatest need), OR	\$175.50
# Any remaining Fee Relief Payment funds used in line with the 2023 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Payment Spending Rules for children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023. (Please provide details of where funds were spent in additional information box below) Note: # This amount will be automatically deducted from expenditure in Part 2 Program Payment below.	\$ 2,928.48
TOTAL FUNDING USED TO REDUCE FEES/EXPENDITURE	\$42,490.00
FEE RELIEF BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0.00



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

We had two less enrolments claiming fee relief at the service

We used surplus fee relief towards wages.

Fee Relief Declarations

I declare signed declaration and consent forms were received from the parent/carer/guardian for each eligible child enrolled at the service as per Section 4.5 Declaration and consent forms of the [2023 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

I declare that Fee Relief Payment has been passed on to families in accordance with 4.1.2 Fee Relief Payment spending rules of the [2023 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

I declare that Fee Relief data has been submitted through the Early Childhood Contract Management System (ECCMS) in accordance with Section 4.4 Data collection and monitoring of outputs and outcomes of the [2023 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

Part 2: 2023 Program Payment

Start Strong for Long Day Care 2023 Program Payment funding supports enrolments of at least 600 hours in the two years before school in a quality early childhood education program. Program Payment funding should be expended for the purposes listed in 4.1.1 Program Payment spending rules which aim to benefit **children aged at least 4 years old on or before 31 July 2023**.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2023 Program Payment	\$21,120.00
Program payment from transferred service (applicable only to services that received funds directly from a transferring service during the 2023 calendar year. Please leave blank if not applicable)	\$1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,620.00

Note: Expenditure must be in accordance with the Section 4.1.1 Program Payment Spending Rules of the [2023 Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Guidelines](#).

EXPENDITURE	Amount (\$) Ex GST
Pay salary and wages for early childhood teachers and educators delivering the quality early childhood education program.	\$18,420.00
Purchase functional or educational resources (excluding capital works projects) for the benefit of all children aged 4 and above.	\$1,850.00
Develop a quality early childhood education program based on the Early Years Learning Framework , including associated staffing costs.	\$1,262.00
Develop staff, including upgrading qualifications from a certificate to a diploma and/or a diploma to a 4-year degree and associated staffing costs, traineeships, study leave, course fees and backfilling of staff undertaking career development.	\$1,770.00
Attract and retain early childhood teachers and educators, including advertising early childhood teacher and educator positions and bonuses for retention or recognition of length of service and experience.	\$1,690.00
Wellbeing supports for early childhood teachers and early childhood educators.	\$556.48
# Less funds used from remainder of Fee Relief Payment funding - in line with the Start Strong for Long Day Care Program Payment Spending Rules (this amount has been acquitted under Part 1 Fee Relief Payment and is automatically deducted from this section).	-\$2,928.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$22,620.00
PROGRAM PAYMENT BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

<p>Funding was used towards salaries and wages</p> <p>Funding was used to purchase educational resources and developing staff qualifications</p>
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Part 3: 3 Year Old Trial Payment

The Start Strong 2023 3 year old trial (3 YO Trial) is linked to the broader Start Strong for Long Day Care 2023 program.

The 3 year old trial will improve the provision of quality early childhood education to 3 year old children attending long day care (LDC) services.

INCOME	Amount (\$) Ex GST
2023 3 year old trial payment	\$8,424.00
3 year old trial payment from transferred service (applicable only to services that received funds directly from a transferred service during the 2023 calendar year. Please leave blank if not applicable.)	\$1,230.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,654.00

Note: Expenditure must be in accordance with the [Start Strong for Long Day Care 2023 Program - Appendix 1 - 3 Year Old Trial Guidelines](#)

EXPENDITURE	Amount (\$) Ex GST
Purchase functional or educational resources (excluding capital works projects) required to provide a quality preschool program to 3 year old children.	\$1,100.00
Design or deliver a quality early childhood education program for 3 year old children, based on the Early Years Learning Framework , including associated staffing costs.	\$920.00
Develop staff to increase their capacity to design or deliver 3 year old preschool programs, including through professional development, study leave, course fees and backfilling of staff undertaking career development.	\$1,745.00
Salary and wages for additional early childhood teachers to deliver quality early childhood education program to 3 year old children.	\$3,260.00
Reach out to the local community to inform families of the benefits of 3 year old children accessing preschool programs through Long Day Care services.	\$869.00
Reduce non-fee related barriers that families of enrolled 3 year old children face when accessing quality preschool program provided by Long Day Care services.	\$1,760.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$9,654.00
3 YEAR OLD TRIAL PAYMENT BALANCE (SURPLUS OR DEFICIT)	\$0.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURPLUS FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER COMMENTS ON HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT

<p>Funding was used towards salary and wages</p> <p>Funding was used to reduce non-fee related barriers families with 3 year olds</p>



Education

I acknowledge that I have completed all the financial accountability statement requirements as detailed, which are by virtue of this statement to be contractually binding upon our organisation.

By submitting this financial accountability statement, I am confirming that all funds have been spent in line with the Funding Agreement (Terms and Conditions and Program Guidelines).

I acknowledge that I have completed the Funding Surplus Overview and Declaration if it applies to our organisation. I acknowledge that any unspent funds are to be returned to the department in line with the Funding Agreement. Documentation to support expenditure in the financial accountability statement is retained by the service.

I am aware that the department may undertake an audit of the service in relation to these funds, and may request that supporting documentation be provided by the service.

Submitted By

Date