



Research Directions

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Child Care Review



Associate Professor Jacqueline Hayden, Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre (SJSC), is a member of the research team that has won a national competitive tender from the Commonwealth Department of Family & Community Services.

The team, led by Queensland University of Technology, is reviewing the role of the Commonwealth Government in the development, implementation and monitoring of standards for a range of child care services including long day care, family day home, after school care and in-home services.

The project incorporates an investigation of current and past processes for setting and implementing National Child Care Standards across the diversity of services, settings and regions.

'This project will lead the way for Australia' said Dr Hayden. 'We will incorporate an extensive review of how child care standards are being approached in other OECD nations and beyond. A number of team members will be engaging in discussions with colleagues overseas in order to assess the most current information on this issue. We will also be travelling around the country to meet with diverse stakeholders. A nation wide survey is being distributed in the next few weeks as a preliminary to these national meetings'.

Dr Hayden added 'We anticipate that the findings will make a significant difference to the enhancement of quality child care throughout Australia'

Project title: *Review of the Approach to the setting of national child care standards.*

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