



# family daycare

## Free Child Development Checks

### What is a child development check?

Family Day Care, as part of the Office for the Early Years, is providing a new way for parents/caregivers to access child development checks for their children.

A child development check looks at how a child is progressing in important areas such as communication, physical ability, social skills and problem solving skills. The check is conducted by a trained screener, usually an allied health professional, early childhood educator, or social worker. It is not a health assessment, which is conducted by a medical professional such as a doctor or nurse (including Child and Family Health Service).

### Why are child development checks important?

Healthy development in early childhood builds a strong foundation for a child's future learning and for their adult life. The check can identify a child's strengths as well as vulnerabilities or concerns to help parents better support their child's development. It is recommended that children have up to 5 checks before they go to school.



## A child development check gives parents and caregivers an idea of how their child is progressing in:

- **Communication**
- **Gross motor skills**
- **Fine motor skills**
- **Problem solving**
- **Personal social**

## How to get a free child development check:

You will receive information via email on when the screener will be due to visit your FDC premises. If you consent, someone will be in contact with you to make an appointment time.

You can attend the child development check in person or via phone. If you are unable to attend, your child can still have their check with the FDC educator present.

The screener will discuss the results with you at a convenient time following the check, and if required, discuss options for support. All personal information will remain confidential.



If you have any questions, please email [education.cdcinfo@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.cdcinfo@sa.gov.au)

If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, you should make an appointment for a health check with a primary health care provider.



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