



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 07/2013

Centre number: 2630

Centre name: Ingle Farm Children's Centre for Early
Childhood Development and Parenting

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Nadia Carruozzo
- Postal address
PO BOX 122, Ingle Farm SA 5098
- Location address
2 Belalie Rd, Ingle Farm 5098
- DECD Region
Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 14KMs
- Telephone number
8260 3511
- Fax number
8260 3533
- Preschool website address:
www.inglefarmcc.sa.edu.au

- **Preschool e-mail address** – don't know yet

- Enrolment/Attendance

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Attendance	68.9-77.5	85.7-85.6	89-81.6	84.4-87.5	81.7-88.8
Enrolment	90-102	91-97	82-125	122-111	71-80

- Co-located/stand-alone

Co-located with Ingle Farm Primary School

- Programs operating at the preschool

- ❖ 15 hours of preschool for eligible children.

- ⊞ Occasional Care – funded. 6 sessions per week. 2-5 year olds & 2 sessions of under 2 starting mid term 1 2014.

- ⊞ Extended Care – on ly on an emergency basis

- ⊞ Lunch/Full Day Program: All children attend full days.

- ⊞ Bilingual Support

- ⊞ Preschool Support

- ⊞ Community Development Co-ordinator and associated Children's Centre activities

- ⊞ Health Services provided by Child and Family Health Services (CaFHS)

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
2013: Comprehension (regional priority)

Quality Improvement Plan 2013:

Quality Area 1

Element (1.1.4) The documentation about each child's programme and progress is available to families

Element (1.2.1) Each child's learning and development is assessed as part of an on-going cycle of planning, documenting and evaluation

Quality Area 6

Element (6.1.2) Families have opportunities to be involved in the service and contribute to service decisions

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
- Core Values
 - * Respect *Integrity *Compassion *Excellence *Responsibility
 - *Encouragement

- Specific curriculum approaches
We are currently exploring the Reggio Emilia Approach. We are part of the Image of the Child project with Jan Milikan
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Term 1 2014
Director (1.0)
Teachers (0.8) + (0.5) + (0.4 UA) + (0.2) = 1.9 FTE
ECW 1 2.0 FTE + 0.4 UA = 2.4FTE
ECW 2 Occasional Care- 24 hours per week
ECW 1 Occasional Care – 7.75 hours per week
ECW 2: Front office 0.5
- Performance Management Program
Meetings are held twice yearly with each staff member. Performance plans are linked to the QIP and take into account professional and personal development.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
Ingle Farm Children's Centre is a purpose built centre completed in August 2013. Facilities included 3 consulting rooms, offices for CaFHS and DECD staff as well as a community space for community activities, playgroup etc. The outdoor area was completed simultaneously. The area is built on a slope which provides children with a range of different surfaces and levels. The area was designed to reflect an Australian bush garden; lots of natives and includes natural materials, spaces for quiet and active play.
- Capacity (per session)
55 kindergarten + 16 occasional care children. Total 71
- Centre Ownership
DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
Being a new build the building itself and the outdoor areas are DDA compliant.
- Other

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
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- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
- Other local care and educational facilities,
[eg. child care, schools, OSHC.]
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
- Other local facilities
[For example, medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational facilities.]
- Availability of staff housing
[Including availability of Government Employee Housing, or availability of homes to rent or purchase.]
- Accessibility
[Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality.]
- Local Government

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
Ingle Farm Children's Centre is located on the Ingle Farm Primary School campus. Being a Children's Centre we have developed and continue to develop partnerships with a range of government and non-government agencies. Key partners on site are Ingle Farm Primary School and Family Zone, Communities for Children initiative.