



Child Information Sharing Scheme

Stakeholder toolkit

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Background

The Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) aims to assist professionals to better support positive child wellbeing and safety outcomes. It does this by enabling specified government agencies and service providers, known as Information Sharing Entities, to share information about children (personal, health or sensitive information), their families or relevant third parties that will:

- Improve early risk identification and intervention
- Change a risk-averse culture in relation to information sharing
- Increase collaboration and integration between child and family services
- Support children's participation in services.

To promote awareness of the CISS, the Victorian Department of Education (DET) has commissioned Community Child Care Association (CCC) to conduct a Communication Campaign from July-November 2022.

Key messages

- The CISS is an important tool in supporting child wellbeing and safety
- Education and care employees are required to respond to requests for information under CISS and FVISS, in accordance with current legislation. Organisations should complete the training via webinar or eLearning to ensure they can respond to and make information sharing requests appropriately and effectively
- Under the information sharing schemes, education professionals are now equal partners with other services in the Victorian service system
- CISS enables information sharing between authorised organisations such as education and care services, Child Protection, Youth Justice, Maternal and Child Health, and Victoria Police to promote a child's wellbeing and safety
- CISS ensures that professionals working with children can gain a complete view of the children they work with, making it easier to identify wellbeing or safety needs earlier, and to act on them sooner. This will enable proactive supports to be put in place and prevent escalation
- Implementation of the CISS will help engage educators with children and families' unique ecosystems and build the understanding of that child's needs
- Through proactive sharing, the scheme enables a range of allied health and community services to coordinate strategies and ensure greater success for children's wellbeing and safety in care environments
- CISS resources include toolkits, guides, videos, information, e-learning and accredited training
- Online training is free and provides a certificate of completion to all participants
- Backfill remuneration is available for services for staff to take leave to complete the training.

Media Release

(Please feel free to use this after **Wednesday 3 August 2022.**)

Educators urged to share information to keep kids safe

Victorian educators are being encouraged to share important information about children that improves wellbeing and safety outcomes under a program known as the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS).

CISS resources and training upskill providers such as education and care services, Child Protection, Youth Justice, Maternal and Child Health and Victoria Police to help them develop a complete view of at-risk children. They are then able to share that information with other approved agencies, making it easier to identify children's needs earlier and prevent escalation.

Julie Price, Executive Director, Community Child Care Association (CCC) says that the scheme has been designed to help educators engage with children and their families' unique ecosystems to build a holistic view of individual needs and circumstances.

"Through proactive sharing between approved agencies, services that care for children are enabled to build profiles and coordinate strategies that will ensure better results for children's wellbeing and safety," she said.

To help education and care services better understand their obligations and the ways they can implement CISS, a suite of resources has been developed as simple, practical tools including guides, videos, information, e-learning and accredited training.

All have been designed to support educators so that they can respond to and make information sharing requests appropriately and effectively.

Online training is free and provides a certificate of completion to all participants. Backfill remuneration is available for education services for staff to take leave to complete the training.

Education and care employees are required to respond to requests for information under CISS and the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS), in accordance with current legislation.

"The CISS is a vital tool in supporting child wellbeing and safety," adds Julie. "We urge all Victorian educators to investigate the resources and complete the training so proactive supports can be put in place, all children can enjoy supported participation and approved agencies can work in the true spirit of collaboration with children's wellbeing and safety as a clear, important joint focus."

Visit <https://cccinc.org.au/CISS> to find valuable information and access training. Download resources for your team to help you understand the CISS and your obligations under the scheme and learn how your service can be proactive to promote wellbeing and safety for children in your care. For more information or an interview with Julie Price, contact Breanna Worthington, Communications and Marketing Manager, Community Child Care Association Inc at BWorthington@cccinc.org.au.

Copy

For use in newsletters, on websites, in emails and more.

Short form copy

Educators who care are encouraged to share

Recent research by Community Child Care Association (CCC) has found that while more than 70 per cent of Victorian educators are aware of the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS), take-up must be improved to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all at-risk children.

CCC Executive Director, Julie Price, says that the CISS is an important tool that could be better understood and used by services.

“Education and care employees are required to respond to requests for information under CISS and the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS), in accordance with current legislation. We encourage all services to complete the training via webinar or e-learning to ensure they can respond to and make information sharing requests appropriately and effectively,” she said.

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Long form copy

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authorised organisations such as education and care services, Child Protection, Youth Justice, Maternal and Child Health, and Victoria Police to promote a child's wellbeing or safety.

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Socials

The following assets may be used to promote the Child Information Sharing Scheme training.

Facebook

It's ok to share, you could make a difference.

Victorian educators are being urged to adopt the principles of the Child Information Sharing Scheme, known as CISS. CISS resources and training upskill providers such as education and care services, Child Protection, Youth Justice, Maternal and Child Health and Victoria Police to help them develop a complete view of at-risk children.

They can share that information with other approved agencies, making it easier to identify children's needs earlier and act on them sooner.

Resources include toolkits, guides, videos, information, e-learning and free, accredited online training. Training is covered by backfill remuneration.

Visit <https://cccinc.org.au/CISS> for more information.

LinkedIn

Are you an educator who cares? Then, share.

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Twitter

If you are an educator who cares, make sure you share.

The Child Information Sharing Scheme upskills educators about how and when to share information about at-risk kids. Online training is free, accredited and covered by backfill remuneration.

Visit <https://cccinc.org.au/CISS>.


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Social tiles

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It's okay to share, you could make a difference.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CISS](#)



Have you completed the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) training?


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Are you an educator who cares?
Then, share.

Complete the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) training today.


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Help protect vulnerable children and families

Discover Child Information Sharing Scheme resources and training for educators!

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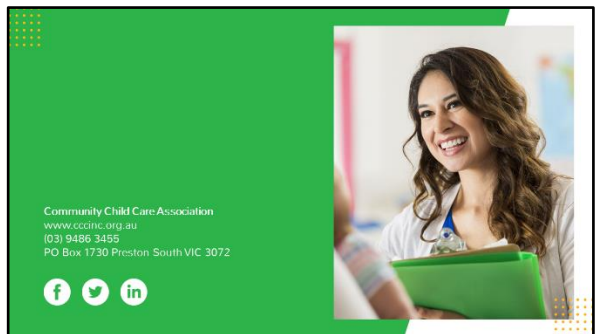
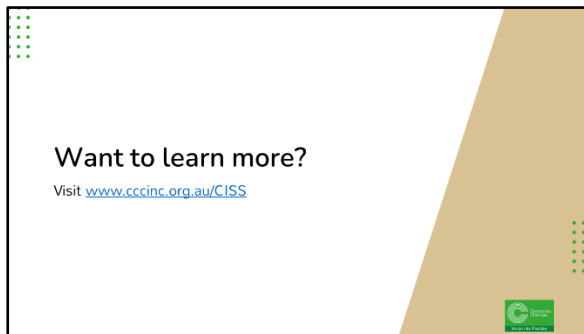
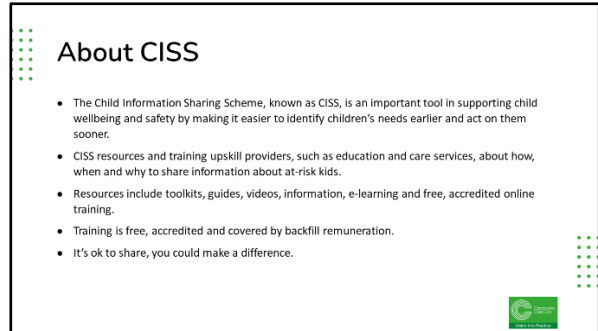
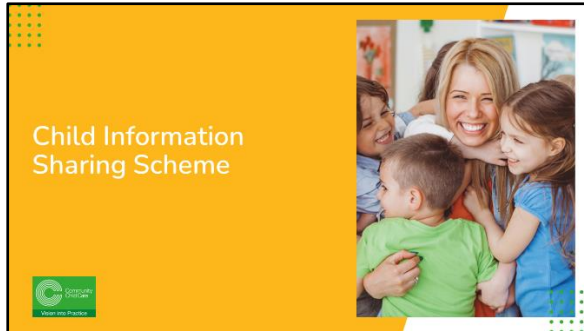


PowerPoint slides

The following may be used to promote CISS training during presentations, meetings or online sessions. You can choose to use one slide or all, depending on what suits your needs.

You may also add your own company branding.

[Download the PowerPoint slides here.](#)



Stock images

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