

# **The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia**

**ICPA (AUST) Inc**



# **POLICIES**

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**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC)**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE**

**POLICY:**

ICPA seeks to ensure that an appropriate and affordable range of early childhood programs and child care be available to support children and families who live in rural and remote areas.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Early childhood programs with optional enrolment be available for two years prior to the commencement of school.
2. Provision of recognised early childhood distance education programs where there is no reasonable daily access to an education centre.
3. Opportunities for face-to-face social activities be available for children participating in early childhood programs.
4. Appropriate learning resources be available for children participating in early childhood programs.
5. Appropriate technology and equipment be available for access to distance education early childhood programs.
6. A commitment to establishing and maintaining support networks and ongoing professional development for early childhood professionals and parents in rural and remote areas.
7. Provision of funds for travel and accommodation to assist early childhood professionals from rural and remote areas to access professional development.
8. Flexibility in the funding and provision of early childhood education and care services for service models, funding models, legislation and regulation and training opportunities.
9. An ongoing commitment by the Federal Government to implement and deliver a wide range of children's services to families who live in rural and remote areas.
10. In Home child care services be affordable and accessible.
11. Rural and remote families to have access to respite child care.