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1. General information

- Centre name: ADAMS ROAD CHILDREN’S CENTRE
- Centre number: 2696
- Preschool Director: JILL CONRICK
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- DECS District: Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location – i.e. road distance from GPO (km): 27 Km NORTH
- Enrolment/Attendance: 100 Pre-school and 20 Pre-entry
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand-alone Pre-school and Occasional Care
- Programs operating
  - Pre Entry: Flexible sessions are provided to facilitate access to the program for 1 session a week before commencing full-time kindergarten
Early Entry

Early Entry to kindergarten for 1 session a week prior to their pre-entry term for children with special needs can be negotiated, depending on the child’s needs and availability of places

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

• 8 sessions per week – flexible sessions are provided to facilitate access to the kindergarten program for each eligible child to attend 4 sessions a week

Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded)

• 6 Sessions funded Occasional Care for children over 2 years
• 3 funded sessions for babies under 2 years old
• Unfunded sessions available if space permits

Extended Care

• Emergency Care

Lunch/Full Day Program

• For families who work, study or travel some distance to the Kindergarten

Bilingual Support

• Pre-school Bi-lingual Program subject to availability of funds and suitable bi-lingual assistants for children who meet criteria

Preschool Support

• Pre-school Support Services – North Group of Districts for children who meet criteria

Playgroup

A parent run playgroup (affiliated Playgroup SA) operates with around 10 families attending each week

2. Key Centre Policies

• Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

  ‘At Adams Road Children’s Centre, children have the opportunity to engage and learn in a happy educational environment which is comprehensive, challenging, creative, diverse, flexible and fun. Our children, families and staff enjoy positive interactions with the local community through shared experiences.’

Focus on learning

Improved learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy

Continued development of the outdoor learning environment

Attendance and wellbeing – children enjoy coming to kindergarten and as a result are able to maximise their learning outcomes in all areas of the curriculum
3. **Curriculum**

- **Framework used:** Belonging, Being and Becoming
  
  :The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia

- **Core Values** – Families are involved in the program, each child is valued as an individual and staff act as positive role models

- **Specific curriculum approaches:** Play based curriculum with planned and unplanned individual and small and large group activities. Inclusive of constructivism and learning dispositions
  
  :The Early Intervention Grant is used to employ a teacher for 3 hours each week to work with individual and small groups of children who have needs but do not qualify for pre-school support

- **Joint programmes/special curriculum projects**
  
  :Close proximity to both Playford Primary School and Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School enables close relationships with the kindergarten and the children regularly share in special events as well as day to day activities - buddy classes, library visits, transition program

  Resthaven Aged Care – reciprocal visits take place throughout the year – jointly planned with staff from both sites

4. **Centre Based Staff**

- **Staff Profile**
  
  :Director 1.0
  
  Teacher 2.0
  
  Early Childhood Worker 1 2.0
  
  Early Childhood Worker 2 (Occasional Care) 0.59
  
  Early Childhood Worker 1 (Occasional Care) 11 hours per wk

- **Performance Management Program**
  
  :Staff meet with Director twice a year. Staff are are released for ongoing training and development to support DECS and site priorities. Personal ongoing professional development is encouraged and supported

- **Access to special support staff**
  
  :Teacher employed for 3 hours per week with Early Intervention Grant

  Bi-lingual assistants through the Pre-school Bi-lingual Program

  Speech Pathology, Psychology, Special Education and Social Work through the North Group of Districts Pre-school Support Program

  Staff work closely with Disability SA, Child & Youth Health Service, Novita, Child Development Unit, Lyell McEwin Hospital, Women’s and Children’s Hospital and local private service providers and various support groups

- **Other**
  
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5. **Centre Facilities**

- **Buildings and grounds**: Adams Road Children’s Centre was established in 1990 and is a large well maintained modern and functional building.
- **Capacity (per session)**: 57 places.
- **Centre Ownership**: Department of Education and Children’s Services.
- **Access for children and staff with disabilities**: Building accessible and yard negotiable. 1 disabled toilet.
- **Other**:

6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics**: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
  - Adams Road Children’s centre was established in 1990 to cater for the needs of the many families moving into the rapidly developing housing estates at Craigmore. Craigmore is situated on the north-eastern fringe of Elizabeth and is in the City of Playford Council area. There are still homes being built to the east and north of the kindergarten. Young families with one to one and a half incomes predominately live in the area and are buying their own homes. There are a number of dwellings which are rented privately, due to the reasonably priced properties and the demand for Defence Force housing. At any time a proportion of children are from Defence Force families and regularly receive postings in and out of the area.
- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**
  - Adams Road Children’s Centre is well supported by parents and caregivers – they often help out during the session. The Governing Council meets twice each term. The Governing Council and the fundraising committee work to raise money to provide the programs with quality resources and continue the development of the outdoor area.
- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**
  - 45% to Playford Primary School
  - 30% to Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School
  - Remainder to Trinity College Schools, Craigmore Christian School, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Blakeview Primary School and Craigmore Primary School.
Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
: Playford Primary School and Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School shared campus is across the road from the Kindergarten to the east
Other schools and preschools nearby are Blakeview Preschool, Craigmore Children’s Centre, Blakeview Primary School, Craigmore South Junior Primary and Primary Schools, Craigmore Christian School (R-12), Craigmore High School, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and Trinity College, Blakeview (R-12)
Several childcare centres operate in the area
Out of School Hours Care is offered at the Playford / McAuley campus and the other nearby schools

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
: Small local centres and Elizabeth City Centre nearby

Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational
Well serviced with local clubs and indoor and outdoor facilities

Availability of staff housing
:N /A

Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality
Bus stops located a short walk from the kindergarten with regular services to Munno Para and Elizabeth shopping centres and the Smithfield and Elizabeth train stations

Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement
: City of Playford Council area
Phone – 08 / 8256 0333

7. Further Comments

Establishment of new services and/or programs
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Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups
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