

# Centacare Child Care Services – Child Protection Training

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The following training courses are written and provided by In Safe Hands for Centacare Child Care Services. Child Protection training is mandatory for all Centacare Child Care Services employees. One course per year is completed. The average course length is 2 hours for a new employee (Level 1 training) and 1 hour for an existing employee (Level 2, 3 and 4 training).

The course outlines for the four course levels can be found below:

## **Level 1 - 2016 Legal & Practical Response to Child Abuse - Long Day Care (QLD)**

This course assists early years educators, organisations and individuals to comply with their legislative requirements under the **National Quality Framework** and meet duty of care obligations regarding Child Protection. It is designed to be used for induction of new staff, and as a foundation or refresher course for those currently working in the early years education and care sector. Upon successful completion, participants will be equipped with basic Child Protection skills sufficient to enable them to appreciate the importance of Child Protection, understand their legal obligations in relation to providing Child Protection, recognise indicators of child abuse, and notify concerns appropriately.

This is the first level of our **Essential Child Protection** series and should be completed before moving on through the following levels:

Level 2 – Building a Protective Environment for Children

Level 3 – Early Intervention to Child Protection

Level 4 – Domestic & Family Violence and the Impact on Children

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## **Level 1 - 2016 Legal & Practical Response to Child Abuse - Outside School Hours Care (Qld)**

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### **Level 2 - 2016 Building a Protective Environment for Children (Qld)**

Our favourite! This is our innovative signature Child Protection course that delivers essential lessons for the entire community. It is designed to assist professionals and the wider community to embed practical child protection strategies into their daily lives, and the lives of all our children. A fresh approach to child protection that really works – right in front of your eyes – every day. We all use sunscreen every day to protect against skin cancer, and now we can use Child Protection strategies every day to protect against child abuse.

You wouldn't let children ride a bike without a helmet, or play in the sun without a hat – so why let them out of your sight without essential Child Protection habits? This course takes a fresh approach to Child Protection using practical strategies that everyone can learn to use to protect themselves and others from child abuse.

You will learn the **7 Steps 2 Safety** and appreciate the way they not only protect children, but transform your relationship with them.

***For professionals in the early years education and care sector, if you are completing this course as part of your NQF requirements you will be able to access updated law lessons for your State or Territory so long as you have completed Induction training. If you have not yet completed "Legal & Practical Response to Child Abuse" training, we recommend you do so before commencing this course - as Induction is a prerequisite for this course.***

This is the second level of our **Essential Child Protection** series and should be completed before moving on through the following levels:

Level 3 – Early Intervention to Child Protection

Level 4 – Domestic & Family Violence and the Impact on Children

### **Level 3 - 2016 Early Intervention to Child Protection (Qld)**

It is important for educators to understand and implement early intervention strategies to minimise the risk of abuse to children in their services. The success of these strategies is hinged on the ability to identify, support and connect the families to resources and services within your community.

This course is designed as a follow on from our Level 1- Legal & Practical Response to Child Abuse and Level 2- Building a Protective Environment for Children child protection courses. This is the third level of our ***Essential Child Protection*** series and should be completed before moving on to:

Level 4 – Domestic & Family Violence and the Impact on Children

This course will also provide educators important updates and refresh their requirements around law and duty of care to meet National Quality Standards.

### **Level 4 - 2016 Domestic & Family Violence and the Impact on Children (Qld)**

This is the fourth course in our Essential Child Protection series. If you haven't already completed the first three courses, it would be strongly suggested that you complete these courses first as they lay a strong foundation for this course:

1. Level 1 - Legal and Practical Response to Child Abuse
2. Level 2 - Building a Protective Environment for Children
3. Level 3 - Early Intervention to Child Protection

Domestic & Family Violence and the Impact on Children is a course focused on the increasing level of Domestic and Family Violence in our community at present. This course explores why people are victims and abusers, the impact- both short term and long term of such violence on children and how we perceive violence as a nation. It will explore the types of domestic violence, the signs, the symptoms and reasons why it is an under reported crime. It will further discuss your role as an Educator in the Early Years sector and ways in which you can help children and families being exposed to this type of violence. Prior to this you will do a refresher component in relation to Child Protection laws, legislation and mandatory reporting conditions, which will also cover when to report and how to report. This is all part of the Child Protection refresher training that is required under Regulation 84 (Education and Care Services National Law Regulations 2011).