

Professional publications

Journals, magazines and newsletters are a valuable source of information about current issues and recommended practice for child care professionals. Angela Owens looks at some useful resources that services may consider subscribing to as part of their professional development strategy.

JiGSAW



This is a national magazine, catering specifically to professionals working in family day care. JiGSAW is published three times per year by Family Day Care Australia (FDCA). The magazine includes regular and feature articles covering topics such as child

development and behaviour and innovative practice and resources. Regular information is also included on health, insurance and upcoming events. JiGSAW regularly publishes articles particularly aimed at supporting schemes participating in the CCQA systems.

For more information visit:
www.familydaycare.com.au

Everyday Learning Series

Books in this series are published quarterly by Early Childhood Australia (ECA). Each publication examines a specific area of children's development or life experiences, and explores how adults, including child care professionals and parents, can support children as they develop. There is a strong focus on strategies for promoting children's development through everyday interactions and experiences.

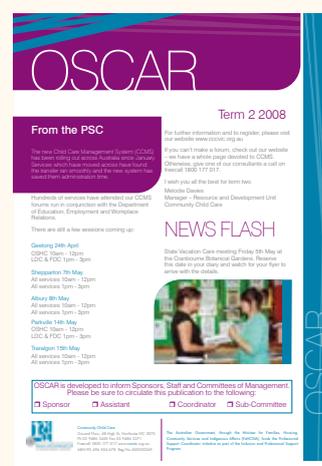
As the resource is aimed at both professionals and families, the language used is clear and welcoming, and many of the strategies discussed may be adapted for use with children in outside school hours care settings.



For more information visit:
www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au

OSCAR (Outside School Hours Care Activities and Resource Magazine)

This is a quarterly magazine that is sent to Victorian outside school hours care services, and is produced by the Community Child Care Association (CCCA). The magazine provides information for child care professionals, management and sponsors on CCQA, training opportunities, current issues in the outside school hours care sector and funding opportunities. It also contains resource reviews and a lift out section on experiences for school age children. This resource is available to download free from the CCCA website. A new look OSCAR magazine will be released later this year.



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Other professional publications include:

- *Every Child*, published by ECA (www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au)
- *InChildcare*, published by Childcare Associations Australia (www.childcareaust.org.au)
- *In the Loop Newsletter*, published by Professional Support Coordinator Queensland (www.pscq.org.au)
- *Network News*, published by Network of Community Activities (NSW) (www.netoosh.org.au)
- *Research in Practice*, series published by ECA (www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au)