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MEDIA STATEMENT

Three Day Subsidy a Gamechanger for Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Families

The Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) is celebrating the implementation of the Federal Government's 3 Day Guarantee, with all children now having access to three days of subsidised early learning (childcare) per week.

It is a move which the ACA, along with other sector advocates, have called for over many years, in their commitment to ensuring that all families - including the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children - have access to affordable, quality early learning.

The 3 Day Guarantee legislation was passed earlier in the year, as a key recommendation of the 2024 Inquiry into Australia's early childhood education and care system by the Productivity Commission.

"This is an essential step which allows for the immediate delivery of universal childcare access. It's a policy that benefits the children and families who need it the most and will receive the greatest gains from early learning participation. The evidence is clear - affordable access delivers great outcomes for children and ensures significant benefit for families and the economy."

"For many families this will allow them the confidence to seek work knowing that their children have adjusted well into their early learning experience" Mr Mondo said.

The comments come as the Albanese Government has also committed \$3 billion via a new pre-school funding agreement for the State Governments through to 2027.

"These commitments further emphasise the importance of participation in high quality early learning and will provide continuity for the sector, and families with young children around Australia," Mr Mondo said.

The Australian Childcare Alliance is a not-for profit member based organisation working on behalf of long day care service owners and operators, as a reputable source of evidence-based advice to policy makers and a trusted source of practical guidance to service operators.

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About Australian Childcare Alliance

The Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) is a not-for-profit, member-funded organisation advocating for the future of Australia's children.

Our national and state bodies work collaboratively with all levels of government, regulatory authorities and other stakeholders with an evidence-based approach, to ensure that families are supported into the future with a sustainable, affordable and viable ECEC sector.

The ACA believes that with the right policy and financial frameworks in place, we could ensure that every child in Australia has access to high quality, affordable and sustainable early learning (childcare) services, and therefore the best start in life.

About Paul Mondo - President, ACA



With over 20 years of experience as an early learning service provider, Paul has developed a strong understanding of the challenges facing owner/operators in an ever-changing, highly-regulated landscape. This wealth of experience coupled with a passion for the benefits of early learning inspired Paul to take a leadership role in the advocacy space.

Formerly the President of ACA Victoria, Paul has now been President of the Australian Childcare Alliance for over nine years, playing a key role in advocating for the interests of ACA members and the early learning sector at the Federal Government level.

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