

Spelling list: Child care and Early Education Glossary

This glossary contains terms used to describe aspects of child care and early education practice and policy.

accessibility	The accessibility of childcare refers to its availability as and when a family needs it.
accreditation	The school was given accreditation by the Green Schools campaign.
attachment	It is believed that secure attachment leads to psychological well-being and resilience throughout the child's lifetime.
certification	Certification is given when an individual or an institution has met a prescribed standard.
consultation	Consultation typically facilitates the assessment and resolution of an issue-specific concern.
credentials	Credentials are awarded to individuals who successfully complete academic degrees or certificates.
intervention	Early intervention services are generally administered by qualified personnel.
literacy	Literacy Rate is the proportion of the total population able to read and write.
inclusion	Inclusion makes sure that everyone gets to take part.
eligibility	A person's eligibility refers to their ability to qualify for a programme or service.
individualised	An individualised plan outlines the special services children will receive if found eligible.
mentoring	Mentoring is intended to increase an individual's personal or professional capacity.
modification	A child with special needs may require a modification to be made to their expected learning.

monitoring	The process of monitoring is used to enforce child care providers to comply with licensing rules and regulations.
initiatives	Projects (initiatives) are designed to increase the quality and availability of early care and education programmes.
respite	Vulnerable families are typically offered respite child care to improve family stability and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect.
retention	Staff retention is a well-doented problem in early childhood programs.
scaffolding	An example of scaffolding might involve asking leading questions to allow a child to come to their own conclusion.
subsidy	In order to reduce the cost of child care, for some families, a subsidy may be provided.
therapeutic	A well-structured treatment program geared towards at risk children contains an element of therapeutic care.