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EARLY CHILDHOOD AUSTRALIA WELCOMES EXTENDED FEE RELIEF FOR NSW COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS.

Early Childhood Australia (ECA) welcomes today's decision by the NSW Government to extend its COVID-19 funding relief for 700 community and mobile preschools across the state until the end of Term 4.

'COVID-19 has disrupted early learning for so many children across Australia, but this decision will ensure that children attending these services in NSW can continue to access high-quality early education,' said ECA CEO Samantha Page.

'In what has been an extremely turbulent year for the early learning sector, waiving fees for children attending community preschools will also ensure these services can keep their doors open.'

ECA believes that all governments in Australia should provide extra support to ensure that children have access to this vital year of early learning.

'Research shows that attending play-based preschool programs delivered by qualified early childhood educators sets children up for a life-long love of learning and helps prepare them for their transition to school,' Ms Page said.

ECA is acutely aware of the financial pressures on families during the COVID-19 pandemic. ECA continues to advocate to the Federal Government to increase the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), to make early education more affordable for all families and to guarantee minimum access for all Australian children.

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