



Communique - National Workforce Strategy Forum 2023

At the end of November, the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) hosted the first biennial National Workforce Forum, a key component of [Shaping Our Future](#), the National Children's Education and Care Workforce Strategy (2022-2031).

ACECQA hosted the forum on behalf of all governments and sector stakeholders, as part of the co-designed and jointly owned strategy.

Guests included representatives from all nine governments, peak bodies, unions, Australia's largest children's education and care providers, service leaders and educators, research organisations and teaching institutions.

The 2023 forum focussed on 11 of the 21 actions of the strategy, as outlined in the implementation tracker of the [online dashboard](#). Attendees took part in consultation and feedback sessions with action leads.

The forum also welcomed the Productivity Commission who shared their recently published draft report, as well as speakers from Forbes Preschool, Child Australia, HumanAbility, Jobs and Skills Australia, and Macquarie University, who highlighted a range of practices, programs and research designed to support the children's education and care workforce.

Shaping Our Future acknowledges and builds on the significant investment by all governments to date in workforce related initiatives, as well as a range of recent and ongoing initiatives launched by the children's education and care sector.

The ten-year timeframe for the strategy recognises the complexity of the workforce challenges faced by the sector.

In addition to the strategy and the online dashboard, the [national workforce strategy](#) page on ACECQA's website includes the complementary implementation and evaluation plan, and an [online workforce snapshot](#), which brings together a range of different data sets to provide a sector workforce profile.

