

# Trends in the early childhood sector

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# Emerging from a period of huge change...



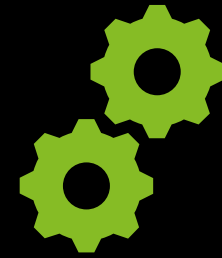
Getting closer and closer to Universal Access

*12% to 91% enrolled in 600 hours per week from 2007-2017.*



Increased focus on quality

*79% of services in 2019 have a quality rating of meeting the NQS or above.*



Sector make up changing

*64% of preschool providers offer the program in a LDC setting in 2018, up from 50% in 2013.*

# Into a period of further change...



3YO kindergarten is on the horizon



Expectations for school readiness are growing



Families are demanding flexibility

*In 2018, 42% enrolled in stand alone preschool – down from 55% in 2013.*



Complex vulnerabilities persist

*2018 AEDC found that 1 in 5 children are developmentally vulnerable.*

# Imagining a future



An increasingly  
equipped workforce



Data informed  
practice



Services that meet  
community need

A mature and  
respected sector