



Free Adjunct Child Care at PANDSI – Parent Information Sheet

What is adjunct child care?

Adjunct care is child care provided to a child:

- in conjunction with a meeting, function or other activity involving a relative or guardian of the child other than the paid employment of the relative or guardian, and
- on the premises in which the meeting, function or other activity is taking place, and
- for not more than 3 hours on each occasion the child care or education and care is provided.

What sort of child care does PANDSI provide?

- Child care provided by PANDSI is designed to provide **free adjunct care** for children while their mother is engaged in one of PANDSI's support services.
- Mothers are required to stay on site and be available to resume care of their child as required.
- PANDSI aims to provide adjunct child care that:
 - protects the child from harm; and
 - respects the child's dignity and privacy; and
 - promotes the child's wellbeing

What are the limits to PANDSI adjunct care?

- PANDSI adjunct childcare can cater for up to 15 children at one time. Should demand for child care places exceed availability (or childcare workers are short staffed) mothers may be asked to keep their child with them while they participate or make alternative arrangements for child care. Priority for places in adjunct care will be for children under the age of 2 years.
- PANDSI adjunct child care cannot cater for children who have challenging behaviour. If the child care staff believe that a child's behaviour towards other children or staff is unmanageable, the child will be returned to the mother. If necessary, the parents may be asked to make alternative care arrangements for the child.

- PANDSI adjunct child care is not designed to provide educational/developmental feedback or guidance to parents.

Is there a program of activities?

- Where practical a regular two-hour program will be run during the childcare session
 - Babies will be cared for in the baby room (including feeding, settling, changing nappies etc.)
 - Toddlers and older children will engage in the program run by childcare workers which typically will include:
 - Sign in, welcome, hang up bags, settling in
 - Free Play and snack time
 - Outside Play if possible (sunsmart)
 - Inside quiet time / story
 - Drawing / free play/ music
 - Home time/sign out

What are my responsibilities?

- Please bring for your child
 - Labelled bag (to be placed on hook)
 - Labelled drink bottle and snack (**no nuts**)
 - Hat & sunscreen in summer
 - Nappy, wipes & scented nappy disposal bag for babies
- Please **do not** bring your child to childcare if they are sick in consideration of the health other children and staff. If they have recently recovered from an infectious illness please exclude your child from childcare for 2 days after symptoms have subsided.

Please remember that once the support group has ended and you greet your child, the childcare workers will no longer be looking after your child/ren. They will be cleaning and tidying the room and will not have their eyes on your child.