



Voluntary out-of-home care

When a parent makes an arrangement with an organisation for their child to receive overnight care outside of the family home in NSW, we call this voluntary out-of-home care.

The Office of the Children's Guardian registers and monitors organisations that provide or arrange this kind of care under two key pieces of legislation:

- **Children's Guardian Act 2019**
- **Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012**

We work with organisations to support the safety and wellbeing of the children and young people in these care arrangements and work to improve the coordination, planning and delivery of these services.

Organisations must be registered with the Office of the Children's

Guardian before they can provide or arrange voluntary out-of-home care.

Types of care

Voluntary out-of-home care includes:

- overnight stay in a group home, respite, hotel or Airbnb environment
- short-term accommodation through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- overnight stay with another family in a 'host family' arrangement
- longer-term residential care
- camps that focus on respite or behaviour support
- bail assistance line program.

Care may be a one-off emergency placement or regular or long-term care.