

Factsheet CAT06

Categories of child-related work

6: a placement arrangement or secure care arrangement



A placement arrangement or secure care arrangement under the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* is where a **child** is formally under the care of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Communities. **Parents** whose children are under the care of the Chief Executive Officer are not considered to be working for the purposes of the *Working with Children (Screening) Act 2004* when caring for their own children e.g., during visits.

Roles considered to be in child-related work

Some examples of roles considered to be in [child-related work](#) are listed below. Please note that in all cases, for a role to be considered to be in child-related work, the **usual duties** of that role must involve, or be likely to involve, **contact** with a child. Roles include:

- foster carers, **relative** carers and other direct carers of children in the Chief Executive Officer's care, such as hostel staff or group home parents
- **volunteers** and employees employed/engaged by the Department of Communities accommodation and secure care services
- other adult household members who have a role with the child in care
- gardeners, cleaners, and cooks who are employed at the residential care centre, and students on placement (over 18 years of age), who do their work while children are likely to be present and have contact with a child as part of their usual duties.

Exemptions

The following [exemptions](#) apply to this category:

- child volunteers under 18 years of age
- unpaid **students** on placement under 18 years of age
- **short-term visitors** to WA.

Definitions of **bold** terms can be found in the Working with Children Check glossary at

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