

WHAT IS AN "APPROVED" CHILD CARE CENTRE?

This means somewhere that is a facility, not a family member or friend. It may include long day care, occasional care, before / after school care, and school holiday care.

The CCaTS Program will not fund any child care unless it is at a facility approved by Centrelink.

WHAT ABOUT MY PRIVACY?

VACRO takes a great deal of care when discussing child care with child care centres. At no point will you need to disclose that you are on a correctional order.

For more information on privacy, ask for a copy of the VACRO Privacy statement.

ABOUT VACRO

VACRO works across the criminal justice system to create a safe and fair community, to respect and support individual and family dignity, and to make a positive contribution to reducing the harm done by crime.

- Other VACRO Services:
- VACRO Women's Mentoring Program
- Family Support @ Geelong Court
- Video visits program
- Aboriginal Family Visits Program
- Family Therapy
- Information and resources to assist families to understand the system.

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CHILD CARE AND TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES (CCaTS) PROGRAM

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES

The CCaTS Program provides subsidies for payments to childcare facilities whilst women are attending appointments to complete their orders.

The child care referral process

Speak with your Community Corrections Officer about your requirements and eligibility.

Find your child/ren a place in an approved and insured child care centre.

Organise the Centrelink Child Care Benefit (CCB). Once this is completed, your Community Corrections Officer will send a referral to VACRO. Please allow up to one week for processing.

VACRO will contact the child care centre, and arrange to be invoiced for:

- The “gap” fee when the CCB has been applied
- Only on the days that your Community Corrections Officer has advised in advance
- For up to three months at a time.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

The CCaTS Program can be used for attending:

- Supervision appointments
- Community Work
- Other mandated appointments such as Alcohol & Other Drug assessment and counselling.

You are eligible if:

- You are female
- You are on an adult Community Correctional Order, or parole
- You reside in Victoria
- You require child care or transport assistance to comply with your order.

TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

The CCaTS program provides subsidised travel so that women on community correctional orders are able to meet the conditions of those orders.

This includes:

- Myki and DayPass
- Regional bus tickets
- V/Line

In special circumstances such as women who live in remote areas and women with disabilities, this might also include:

- Petrol reimbursement
- Taxis

The travel referral process

Your Community Corrections Officer can refer you to the CCaTS Program. You will need to sign the referral form too.

For Myki top-ups, you will need to buy your own Myki card, and it will only be topped up with credit to cover up to ten of your mandated appointments at any one time.