

**INQUIRY INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND  
CARE SECTOR IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I've worked in the industry for 5 years, I'm currently on workers comp as I was being bullied and harassed by my fellow employees, it got so bad that I even went to the police to get an AVO out on one educator, they even threatened my own children. The educator don't care about the children or their safety, as I've reported many safety concerns to the department and for it only to be closed not long after, I have also spoken to others (ex educators and families) who have done the same.

My son was also a child at the centre and was physically hurt by an educator in front of me, he is now in therapy once a week and has been diagnosed with PTSD, he's only 3, he's been in 3 different centres, the first one an educator grabbed him by the neck cos he didn't want to participate in a group activity and left bruises on his neck and my partner witnessed it, the second centre he was being bullied so bad that multiple times I witnessed him in a fetal position being kicked in the head and stomach by other kids and when I approached the director (my boss as I worked there) I was told there was nothing they could do and then this centre was his third when an educator grabbed him by his arm and pulled him in the arm and slammed him on the ground all because he was on the soft mat and he didn't get off, he was left with a hand print bruise on his arm, the centre didn't do anything but called me having favouritism because I stood up for my son, it wasn't until I went to the department and police that they finally fired her.

The centre has now rehired the educator that threatened my children and tried to take my eldest child from school without my permission and has even taken photos of the children at the centre and posted them on TikTok rating them on cuteness for the world to see.

It's disgusting, this whole experience has broken my trust and I will never work in the early childhood industry ever again and my son will never be placed in care again, he still has night terrors every night and can't go to sleep unless he is in my bed and touching me at all times.