



COMBINED CARE: THE PHYSICAL SPACE

When a Combined Care program is welcoming new children for short periods of time on an ongoing basis, here are a few things to keep in mind when planning your space:

- The CNC environment may need to be modified slightly to create a receiving area for welcoming children, checking their CNC Registration Form and completing the CNC Attendance Form.
- This area should be located where it does not disturb the children already participating in the CNC program. This space could be inside, or outside of the room(s) where CNC is being provided.
- Short-term children need a cubby or spot for their belongings while they are receiving care. Ideally, you can provide a cubby or special hook that is similar to the space provided for long-term children.
- Create a place where the children are welcomed and, if possible, have a cubby or special spot waiting and ready for their things. If early enrolment occurs, label the cubby or spot with their name.
- Provide an environment that interests short-term children but does not overwhelm them with too many things.
- There should be quiet places for all children but it is especially important for short-term children who need smaller spaces and fewer distractions when they arrive at the program.

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