

Betrayal of trust: Australia's childcare crisis ^[1]

Author: Gillett, C.

Source: ABC News

Format: Video

Publication Date: 17 Mar 2025

AVAILABILITY

Access online ^[2]

Description

This week on Four Corners, a one-hour special reveals the deep failures and systemic issues plaguing Australia's childcare sector.

With nearly one-and-a-half million children enrolled in childcare across the country, parents trust that their children will be safe and cared for.

And while the glossy brochures and marketing paint a rosy picture, the reality of the system is far darker, and families are paying the price.

Reporter Adele Ferguson uncovers shocking cases of child abuse, neglect, and injury, highlighting critical gaps in childcare safety and accountability.

As the \$20 billion industry grows, the focus on financial gain over child welfare has sparked a nationwide call for action.

Advocates warn that without immediate reform, the childcare industry will continue to put profit over children's safety.

Related link: Private childcare whistleblowers' disturbing experiences inside a sector putting profits before kids ^[3]

Region: Australia and New Zealand ^[4]

Tags: child care market ^[5]

for-profit ^[6]

quality ^[7]

Source URL (modified on 24 Mar 2025): <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/25/03/betrayal-trust-australias-childcare-crisis>
Links

[1] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/25/03/betrayal-trust-australias-childcare-crisis> [2] <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-17/betrayal-of-trust/105063150> [3] <https://childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/25/03/private-childcare-whistleblowers-disturbing-experiences-inside> [4] <https://childcarecanada.org/category/region/australia-and-new-zealand> [5] <https://childcarecanada.org/taxonomy/term/9138> [6] <https://childcarecanada.org/category/tags/profit> [7] <https://childcarecanada.org/category/tags/quality>