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## **New location for Fairy Meadow Early Childhood Health Centre provides easy access for families**

Families in the Fairy Meadow and North Wollongong areas will now have easier access to Child and Family Health services, thanks to the relocation of the Fairy Meadow Early Childhood Health Centre.

The Centre, currently located at Princes Highway, Fairy Meadow, is relocating to a more convenient venue in Porter Street, North Wollongong and will be renamed the North Wollongong Early Child Hood Centre (EHC).

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Co-Director of Kids and Families, Jenny Claridge said that the change was driven by feedback from current clients.

“In a recent survey, our clients told us they wanted improved accessibility, and a family friendly clinic and group space,” Ms Claridge said.

“The new location provides plenty of off-street parking, a modern and bright Child and Family Health Clinic, and a group room where new parent groups and breast feeding groups can meet.”

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Children’s Assessment Unit at Porter Street is a purpose-built community paediatric facility which provides child and family services including specialised child counselling, nutrition, physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy.

“The North Wollongong EHC will provide a one-stop-shop for families to conveniently access multiple child and family health services,” Ms Claridge said.

The Centre supports the health and wellbeing of families with children from birth to five years of age. Its new location is at 42a Porter Street, North Wollongong.

Families attending the clinic will be able to utilise the new Early Childhood Health Centre from Tuesday, 19 September. For appointments and information about available services, please phone 4224 2960.

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