

Data on the guardians of children taking part in early childhood education and care are kept in the data warehouse Varda

Varda, the national data warehouse for early childhood education and care, is a national data warehouse that was launched at the beginning of 2019. It contains information on actors in early childhood education and care, locations where early childhood education and care takes place, children in early childhood education and care, the guardians of the children, and early childhood education and care personnel. Provisions on the data warehouse are contained in the Act on early childhood education and care. The data warehouse will be used to promote the development of early childhood education and care and facilitate decision-making, to compile statistics and carry out research in this field, and to perform official duties. The data warehouse will be maintained by the Finnish National Agency for Education.

Under the Act on Early Childhood Education and Care a municipality or joint municipal authority has the obligation to store information on guardians of children in early childhood education and care into Varda as of 1 September 2019. The information that is to be stored includes personal information on guardians. Personal information to be stored in Varda includes:

- name, personal identity code, learner ID, mother tongue, municipality of residence, and contact details
- The client fee for early childhood education and care and the value of the service voucher
- The size of the family in accordance with the Act on Client Fees in Early Childhood Education and Care
- The starting and end dates of the decision on payment

With respect to the set of guardians, only the information of children taking part in early childhood education and care, as well as that of the guardians are stored in Varda.

Through the learner ID register maintained by the Finnish National Agency for Education, the following personal data of the data subject will also be linked to Varda:

- name, learner ID and personal identity code or other similar identifying data, nationality, gender, mother tongue, and the required contact details.

Our municipality/joint municipal authority will transfer information from our operative ECEC information system to Varda through system integration from 1.9.2019.

For more information on the rights of those registered in Varda see Peda.net:

<https://peda.net/orimattila/v>

Further information:

- Information for data subjects: <https://peda.net/orimattila/v>
- National data warehouse for early childhood education and care Varda on the Finnish National Agency for Education's web service <https://oph.fi/fi/palvelut/varhaiskasvatuksen-tietovaranto-varda> (in Finnish) and <https://oph.fi/sv/tjanster/informationsresursen-inom-smabarnspedagogiken-varda> (in Swedish)
- Privacy statement for the national data warehouse for early childhood education and care: <https://opintopolku.fi/wp/tietosuojaseloste/varda-palvelun-tietosuojaseloste/> (in Finnish)
- Act on early childhood education and care (540/2018): <https://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2018/20180540> (in Finnish)

