

## Philosophy

Country Children's Early Learning works with regional, rural and remote communities to provide suitable quality care for children. In keeping with the National Education and Care Law Act and other relevant legislation, varied communities' needs are met through the flexible delivery of Childcare Services including care for children aged 0 to 13 years through Family Day Care.

Our programs are based upon the belief that secure attachment relationships are vital for emotional wellbeing and that the quality of relationships with our parents and caregivers are the key features that influence us for the rest of our lives, our sense of ourselves and our relationships with others.

Our Family Day Care Services provide warm, safe and secure environments for children's care that compliments and extends upon children's own family lives.

We value and promote the inclusion of all families and children regardless of differences in culture, background, religion, family practices, abilities and beliefs. We highly value the importance of partnerships between management, Educators, children and their families, and encourage and invite input and feedback from all families involved in the service. Educators develop strong and supportive relationships with families and children with a positive approach to working with families.

Our service encourages children's socialisation with the Educators family, other children in care and in the wider community through regular outings.

Every home environment is unique and the physical and social environment in which the children are being cared for reflects the culture of the Educator and their family complementing and extending each child's family life. Our homes offer children access to a range of rooms and a relaxed home like routine that is flexible, respectful and in keeping with the culture of the Educator and the children. Equipment provided for the children is a combination of resources for the everyday home life of the family and those specifically for the children.

Family Day Care is unique in that it is an extension of a child's family life, as such Country Children's Early Learning believes that learning is incorporated into everyday experiences and activities which children would be exposed to in their own home. Through the implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework and My Time Our Place, Management and Educators work together in the planning, documentation and evaluation of developmental programs that promote the value of everyday learning experiences that are child focussed, anti-bias, and a balance of family life and children's learning. Children's ideas, input and interests are highly prevalent in the development of each program, and children's participation is invited in all aspects of their time in care. Relationships with families support these connections, ensuring consistency between the home and care environments.

Country Children's Family Day Care is dedicated to the health and protection of the children in our care and those in our communities. Our policies and procedures are developed and reviewed in consultation with Educators and the families using our services in the light of current legislation and recognised relevant authorities. The health, safety and nutrition procedures are flexible and are implemented by our Educators in the appropriate manner for their home, family and children in their care.



Family Day Care

We value the involvement of service stakeholders and the communities in which we operate to assist in the determination of the services that we provide. We believe that children are the beneficiaries of quality care when Services, Educators, Families and Communities work together.

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