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coffsfamily daycare



PARENT NEWSLETTER

CHILD CARE BENEFIT AND REBATE STATEMENT

Please find enclosed a statement of your child/ren's child care usage for the quarter October 3rd 2011 to January 1st 2012

ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON CHILD CARE PAYMENTS?

We have enclosed an information sheet published by the Federal Government regarding CCB and CCR that you may find useful.

PLAYSPACE

We will be posting dates on the Coffs Harbour Family Day Care website for our up and coming Playspace sessions. All parents that are enrolled with the scheme are most welcome to attend. www.coffsfdc.org.au



IN-HOME CARE

Coffs Harbour Family Day Care now offers In-Home Care Service to eligible families.

In-Home Care is a flexible form of child care where an approved carer provides care in the child's home. In-Home Care is targeted to families unable to access existing child care services such as families working shift or non standard hours.

Eligibility Criteria

Have no access to existing child care services: or their circumstances mean that an existing child care service cannot meet their needs and where the family meets one or more of the following criteria;

- The family lives in a rural or remote area
- Parents work shift work or non standard hours
- Multiple births (3 or more)
- Parents have three or more children of non school age
- Seriously ill or disabled parent
- Seriously ill or disabled child
- Breastfeeding mother working from home

If you know of any families that need care and may satisfy the criteria listed above please encourage them to ring the scheme office on 6652 7819



The New National Quality Framework

Improving education and care for your child

From 1 January 2012 the National Quality Framework will set a new National Quality Standard creating greater consistency for early childhood education and care services across Australia.

The major benefits for you and your child include:

- Improved educator-to-child ratios in most services individual care and attention to your child
- Educators with increased skills and qualifications to support your child's learning and development
- A new quality ratings system which will help you to make informed choices about the education and care you choose for your child

The mychild.gov.au website is an online portal that provides access to comprehensive health, early learning, child care and parenting support information. The website also provides families with information about Government initiatives and assistance with child care options.

Families can search the website to find local child care centres, including vacancy, fee and mapping information. In the future, mychild.gov.au website will also include information about the quality accreditation status of local child care services. Visit www.mychild.gov.au or www.acecqua.gov.au for more information.