

FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR FACT SHEET

Feel right at home as a Golden Plains Shire Council Family Day Care Educator.

What is Family Day Care?

Family Day Care is a home-based licensed children's service operated by Golden Plains Shire Council, provided for children from six weeks to 12 years of age.

Family Day Care provides early learning and social development in the Educator's own home. Your own home. You'll get to work with small groups of children, fostering a natural approach to play and discovery, while building long lasting bonds.

Key benefits

As a Family Day Care Educator with Golden Plains Shire Council, you can:

- Enjoy working from home
- Set your own operating hours
- Develop your own learning programs
- Help shape the future of children.

Combine your passion for children with running your own business (with support from Council!).



Find out more

Overleaf, we have put together some frequently answered questions with responses to help paint a clear picture of the Family Day Care Educator role and what it entails.

Further information about Family Day Care, including information about our current Family Day Care Educators, is available on Council's website at: www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-family/young-family/family-day-care.

GETTING STARTED

Starting an exciting career as a Family Day Care Educator begins with a phone call to Golden Plains Shire Council on 5220 7230. We will discuss your interest, suitability and availability in becoming an Educator and the processes by which we recruit, train and initiate new educators.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I have experience in centre-based child care; what does family day care offer that is unique?

If you are an early childhood professional working in a centre-based environment, you may enjoy the freedom and flexibility offered by Family Day Care to shape your career and your learning environment. It's a unique opportunity to develop your own educational programs based on the needs and interests of individual children.

How is Family Day Care similar to centre-based child care?

Family day care provides early childhood education and care services for children across Australia. It operates under the same National Quality Framework (NQF) as other forms of child care; incorporating National Regulations, National Quality Standards educational frameworks and an assessment and ratings process. Parents are eligible for the same Federal Government Child Care Subsidy.

What professional requirements do I need to meet?

- Hold or be actively working towards at least a Certificate III level education and care qualification
- Have current first aid and CPR certificates and training in the emergency management of asthma and anaphylaxis
- Have appropriate clearances for working with children
- Maintain current public liability insurance – this is available from Family Day Care Australia.

What kind of environment do I need to create for the children at my home?

As a Family Day Care Educator, it would be expected that you would provide a safe, stimulating and educational learning environment.

Golden Plains Shire Council will carry out an assessment of your residence and advise of any changes that may be required.

If you live in a rental property, you will need to advise your landlord of your intent to operate a Family Day Care service.

How do I get the enrolments I need to run a successful business?

There is demand for Family Day Care in our growing Shire. Golden Plains Shire Council will work in partnership with you, as the Educator, to promote Family Day Care to families, particularly when you are just starting out.

Will I be provided with ongoing support and professional development?

You will have regular ongoing contact with Golden Plains Shire Council, including home visits, training, meetings and workshops to support you in maintaining currency of skills and knowledge, and help you to deliver quality education and care to the children in your service.

We will field enquiries about Family Day Care via our Early Years Customer Service team, and match families with educators; families are often then referred to you for an interview.

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