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Bass Coast Family Day Care Contact Details

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Feedback

Family Day Care would like feedback from you to ensure that your placement is working.

From time to time you will receive a survey to be completed or be asked to complete a phone survey from the office. The service, as part of the Bass Coast Health's Quality Assurance process, has a "Comments/Compliments & Complaints form (ORG-023), which can be completed by families at any time.



Disclaimer

The information contained in the brochure is intended to support, not replace, discussion with your doctor or health care professionals.

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Aboriginal Acknowledgement

Bass Coast Health acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we operate. We commit to working respectfully to honour their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to this country.



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BASS COAST



Family DAY CARE
excellent child care ... at home



WHAT IS FAMILY DAY CARE?

Bass Coast Family Day Care is quality child care for young children, provided in the homes of registered educators. While it has been designed primarily for children under school age, it is also open to children attending primary school.

Educators plan activities utilising the Early Years Learning & Development Framework working with each child's individual requirements. Fun, learning and development occurs in a safe and stimulating home environment.

It is not informal 'backyard' care, but an organised system of child care, licenced and regulated by ACECQA and funded by the DSS. During our most recent assessment, the service was rated as exceeding National Quality Standards.

WHAT MAKES BASS COAST FAMILY DAY CARE DIFFERENT?

- It is in your neighbourhood...
- It is a proven child care model... first established in 1968
- There is flexibility in hours and type of care... (Evenings/overnight/weekend care may be arranged on request to the co-ordination unit)
- Small group care...real world education. (Four preschool children at any one time)
- An ability to step out into the world... Playgroup, story time at the library, local parks, dance, music & play at the nursing homes.
- A diversity of ages and cultures in each home...
- Where possible you will be given a choice of educators to find your most suitable care option.

WHO CAN USE FAMILY DAY CARE?

Family Day Care is an option that is available to all families with a need for child care; however a priority system is used when assessing family's child care requirements.

Priority 1

Families who are experiencing a need for respite care and have a referral from an appropriate agency.

Priority 2

Families who are employed, seeking employment or studying/training for future employment; and families or children with a continuing disability or incapacity.

Priority 3

Families who have a need for care for any other reason e.g. socialisation, take-a-break.

WHO ARE THE FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS?

Co-ordination unit staff carefully select the Family Day Care Educators for their services.

- All educators must meet National Quality Framework requirements, not only in early childhood education but also in planning and documentation,
- All educators must have minimum child care qualifications,
- All educators must have current First Aid, Asthma & Anaphylaxis training,
- All educators and their families must undergo formal Working With Children and Police record checks,
- All educators must be fully insured,
- Each home is formally checked to ensure that children will have a safe environment to play,
- The induction process includes a check of referees.

WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CHILD?

The emphasis in family day care is on security, warmth, learning and fun in a home environment.

For children the homed based, family focussed environment is a great way to build confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

The educator's home must have an adequate supply of equipment and educational toys to meet the needs of multiple children.

Many of the children attend playgroups and outings organised by the family day care staff or the individual educator.

Support and guidance is offered to educators through in service training and regular home visits.

WHAT DO I PAY FOR FAMILY DAY CARE?

Educators are self-employed contractors and independently set their fees. Most educators have a minimum booking of eight hours per day.

Child Care Subsidies are offered by Centrelink. This is a means tested subsidy offering assistance to offset the cost of child care. There are tiered levels of care:

Recognised Activities per fortnight	Subsidised care per fortnight
8 – 16 hours	36hrs
More than 16 – 48 hours	72 hrs
More than 48 hours	100 hrs

You will also be able to access 24 hours of subsidised child care per fortnight if:

- you're eligible for Child Care Subsidy, and
- your family earns \$66,958 or less a year, and
- you do less than 8 hours of recognised activities

Ask your local Centrelink office; ring 136150 or www.my.gov.au for further information