



Working as a
Child Care Educator
with
Five Star Family Day Care



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ABOUT US

What is Family Day Care?

Family day care is an approved home-based form of child care providing quality education and care in the family day care educators own homes.

Maitland Family Day Care is a not-for-profit service that has been operating for over 30 years. Maitland Family Day Care is run by a Community Management Committee and is marketed under “Five Star Family Day Care.

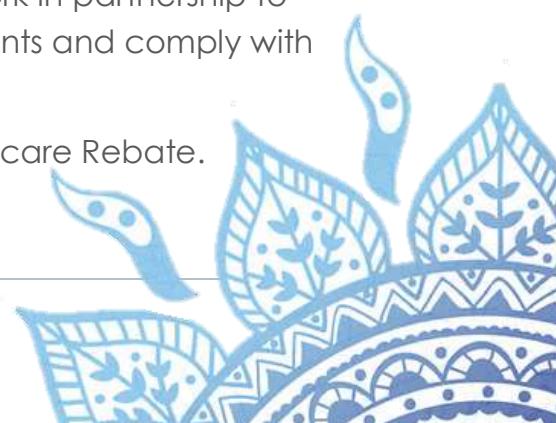
The Scheme is licensed under the “Education and Care Services National Regulations (2011)” We hold a rating of “Meeting” the National Quality Standards.

Five star family day care service is responsible for approving, supporting, training and advising our educators. We monitor the education and care of educators and provides advice, support and information for parents.

Our Family day care services operates from a central location, in Metford NSW, which is also known as our coordination unit.

Family day care educators and our coordination unit work in partnership to uphold organisational values, meet legislative requirements and comply with the National Quality Standard.

Our service is approved for Child care Benefit and Child care Rebate.



BECOMING AN EDUCATOR

If you enjoy working with children, and want to make a difference in their lives by providing quality care and learning experiences from your own nurturing home environment, then family day care is for you.

A flexible and rewarding career ... at home!

Combine your passion for children with the opportunity to create a financially rewarding, professional home based career as an early childhood educator.

While several models of employment exist within family day care, in most cases you will enjoy the flexibility of running your own business with the support and guidance of our coordination unit. Based on the demand in your area, you can determine your hours of work and your fees and charges.

You will also develop tailored educational programs for your children based on their individual developmental needs, interests and experiences.

An exciting change from centre based employment

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

A new career

With a commitment to training and professional development, family day care can offer you the opportunity to start a rewarding new career with the flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of your own family.



Family Day Care as a growing profession

With the changing and ever increasing childcare needs of Australian working families, family day care services have never been in such demand. Furthermore, with family day care's inclusion under the National Quality Framework and a growing awareness of the many unique benefits of the service, family day care is fast becoming the option of choice in early childhood education and care.

Did you know that across Australia:

- Family day care has operated for over 40 years.
- 119,860 families use family day care.
- Over 210,570 children are enrolled in family day care.
- There are over 22,000 family day care educators.
- There are over 850 family day care approved service.
- Family day care is the major provider of regulated, flexible, non-standard hours child care.



Starting an exciting new career as a family day care educator begins with a phone call to our coordination unit on 49345716.

Our Family day care educators work in partnership with our Coordination Unit as a team.

Our coordination unit staff supports, monitors, trains and offers guidance to our family day care educators to ensure that the children receive high quality education and care in a nurturing home environment.

We work together to ensure we meet legislation requirements, National standards and the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

What Qualifications and professional requirements do I need?

- Certificate III in Children's Services
- Current first aid and CPR certificates and training in the emergency management of asthma and anaphylaxis
- Appropriate clearances for working with children
- Maintain current public liability

Good quality training and professional development is crucial to increase knowledge and skills.

Five Star Family Day Care provides a variety of mandatory and professional development training for our educators.

We hold free training in house and have access to different training sessions within our community at affordable prices. Our hands on training nights are also popular. Our coordination staff are highly trained to assist in your professional development needs.



HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY HOME IS SUITABLE FOR FAMILY DAY CARE?

Creating your educational environment

As a family day care educator, you will need to be able to provide a safe and educational learning environment.

Our new educator coordinator will do an initial assessment of your property and advise of any minor 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 and gain approval.

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