

FACT SHEET:

BECOME A FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR



Nicky Ingram has operated *Nicky's Learn, Laugh and Play Family Daycare* from her home in Cooran on the Sunshine Coast for the past 5 years.



Operating my own family day care business has been such a fulfilling journey with so many positive benefits both personally and financially for my family.

The decision to establish my family day care was initially driven by the need to return to work after having my own children. One of the most significant advantages is the ability to work from home. By integrating my professional and personal life, I don't have the stress of commuting and I am able to be present for my own children's milestones and moments.

Being able to care for my children while offering childcare services to other families has ended up being more rewarding than I could have imagined. In providing a safe and nurturing environment for children, I am supporting working parents, contributing to the local economy, and helping to shape the next generation. It has been such a positive experience for my whole family and we have made strong connections and friendships with many other families over the years.

A cornerstone of my success has been the unwavering support and guidance offered by *Kath Dickson Family Day Care*. From initial setup and registration to ongoing training and resources, the scheme has been a reliable source of assistance every step of the way. Their expertise and insights have empowered me to deliver high-quality care and continuously improve my practice. They are always available to offer support, advice or just a friendly chat.

Operating my own family day care has been a deeply rewarding experience providing the perfect blend of professional fulfillment, personal satisfaction, and community impact all of which are so important to me and my family.

I have so much pride for the work that I do and the service I provide. It's a wonderful feeling."

Thinking about starting your own family day care from home? Think Kath Dickson.

Kath Dickson Family Day Care started in 1975 as Queensland's first family day care service.

In that time, hundreds of families have opened their homes and their hearts to provide quality, nurturing care as family day care educators...and we have been working along side them throughout.

Talk to us about starting your own business from home.

WHAT IS FAMILY DAY CARE?

Family day care is approved child care that is provided in an educator's own home under the guidance of a registered family day care service, such as Kath Dickson Family Day Care.

A family day care educator is a child care professional, no different to an early childhood educator in a centre or a school. Family day care operates under the same National Quality Framework (NQF) as centre-based child care, the educators are fully qualified, and parents are eligible for child care subsidy (CCS).

The main difference is that family day care offers a small group size (maximum of seven children with only four under-school-age children, including the educator's own children aged under 13, if applicable) in a familiar and emotionally secure learning environment.



ABOUT KATH DICKSON FAMILY CENTRE

Kath Dickson Family Centre is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation that focusses on the wellbeing of families and children, specifically in the crucial early years of childhood, from 0-5 years.

Kath Dickson Family Day Care is a division of Kath Dickson Family Centre, which also includes Kath Dickson Institute, two early childhood education and care centres in Toowoomba, and a range of community programs and initiatives.

Find out more at kdfc.com.au

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

If you think family day care might be for you, the best place to start by having a chat with us.

There are a range of requirements, checks and forms that need to be in place before you start, and we will happily talk you through what these involve so you can make an informed decision.

Due to recent changes in legislation, all family day care educators are required to hold at least an approved Certificate III **before** starting their business.

If you don't already have a qualification, we can help with that too. Through the *Kath Dickson Institute*, our registered training organisation (RTO 5394), you can study for a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30121) or a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC5015).

Visit www.kdfc.com.au/dreamjob for answers to frequently asked questions.

Call 1300 336 345 today and take your first step on this rewarding journey.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STARTING FAMILY DAY CARE?

Set your own hours

You choose when you want to work, whether it is early starts, late finishes, specific days of the week, evenings or weekends.

Set your own income

You can set your hourly rate (within certain guidelines) and choose what you will offer families in terms of food, nappies, excursions or experiences.

Free training in your home

We will take you through a full training program specific to family day care so that you are ready for all aspects of running your business.

Ongoing support

You will be allocated a Family Day Care Coordinator who you will see face-to-face during regular support, mentoring and wellbeing visits in your home. You will have access to resources and programming advice from our Educational Leaders. There are also opportunities throughout the year for networking with other family day care educators.