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End of Reregistration Wrap

A huge thank you to all for your work over the last few weeks. It takes a lot of work from everyone to get this finalised and we appreciate your assistance.

If you still have follow ups to complete then please ensure these are through to your Coordinators by the end of the week!

FLU SEASON

(National Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety)

Preventing the spread of influenza Flu can be serious for children, especially children under five years old. As early childhood education and care providers, you play an important role in protecting children, colleagues, families and communities from influenza. Do your parents and families know that the flu vaccine is free to children aged between six months and under five years?

Changes to Gap Fee Payments from July 2023

As you are aware the new Family Assistance Legislation has come into effect. This legislative change introduced important measures to strengthen payment integrity and ensure that services are meeting their obligation to ensure that a gap fee is being paid and therefore that every session of care claimed has a genuine liability.

Services must have in place adequate systems of oversight to ensure the gap fee is being paid.

What has the Service put in place?

- Informed all families of the change and their requirements.
- Have received a Fee Payment Declaration from all stakeholders. This will continue with all new stakeholders in the future. **(Please ensure the current vision of the enrolment form is always used as this is now included.)**
- We encouraged all Educators to consider opening a business-only bank account. This will allow Educators to keep personal and business bank records separate.
- Our July visits will be recording your invoicing and receipting process and how your records can be sighted.

This information will be recorded and from there any further requirements can be built into this process.

Again, our aim is to be able to make this new requirement as unobtrusive as possible. It will NOT be our aim to look through your personal banking but as always, we will ensure the Service and Educators are meeting all Government requirements.

Administration Update:

Reminder, the Service Levy to the parents was increased from the 3rd of July to \$1:45 and the CCS Family Day Care Cap was raised to \$12.72 per hour, (any amount charged over \$12.72 will be at full fees)

Focuses for the month of July.

(Education & Care Services National Regulations. Regulation 97)

Fire Evacuation and Lockdown Drills are required to both be practiced in the month of July.

Practice Drills are performed every three months and when a new child starts in your care. The results/evaluation are then documented on the Emergency & Evacuation Drill Form.

Please be intentional in your planning for these practices and document your teaching and children's learning from your planned discussions and the children's experiences in your program. (Document on the Fire Evacuation and Lockdown -Program week beginning)

Share with your families these Practice drill's – evacuation and lockdown: The practice drills are a key strategy to promote children's safety and allow you to think about what you need to consider in cases of an emergency evacuation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN FORMS TO YOUR COORDINATOR BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

Up Coming Training!

As a Service we are very lucky to have the support of Inala Community House.

This year, we have received funding from ICH to provide all Educators with Critical Reflection Training to help guide us in delivering a Quality Service.

This training will be done online through Family Day Care Association QLD.

Please watch out for further information!

June 2023

NAIDOC Week

(National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee)

NAIDOC Week's a time to celebrate the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It's held each year during the first week of July and is an important annual event where everyone's invited to join in the celebrations.

It's a chance to celebrate First Nations Peoples of Australia, a chance to highlight challenges that need addressing, a chance to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, and a chance to engage with amazing cultures that are thousands of years old.

Please see our separate email sent yesterday regarding NAIDOC information.



A child's life is like
a piece of paper
on which every person
leaves a mark.

Feedback: As a team, all feedback goes to helping us work on areas of improvement, extend on areas we are doing well in and most importantly work towards giving children the best quality care possible.