

## North Sydney Council Family Day Care Centre

North Sydney Family Day Care has been providing support to Educators and Parents requiring care for over 40 years.

Weekly playgroups are conducted at the North Sydney Day Care Centre at 96 Bank Street, North Sydney with educators and children in their care. This provides an opportunity for all the children to come together in a supported environment and for the educators to connect with each other.

The cottage also provides a venue for the educators to attend training and for parents to meet with the nominated supervisor.



## Contact Details

If you are interested in Family Day Care for your child or would like to be an Educator, please contact the Family Day Care Coordinator on **9922 4020**.

Further details can be found on the North Sydney Council website: [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/familydaycare](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/familydaycare) or on the online Community Directory: [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/communitydirectory)

## Other Useful Websites

Family Day Care Australia  
[www.familydaycare.com.au](http://www.familydaycare.com.au)

Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority  
[www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au)

Childcare Access Hotline  
[www.childcarefinder.gov.au](http://www.childcarefinder.gov.au)

Care for Kids  
[www.careforkids.com.au](http://www.careforkids.com.au)

## Translating and Interpreting Service

(TIS) 13 14 50. Ask for an interpreter in your language to contact North Sydney Council on 9936 8100. This is a free service, for information regarding Council provided services only.

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## What is Family Day Care?

Family Day Care is an approved form of child care that is provided in the family day care educator's own home. Family day care educators are early childhood education and care professionals, registered with a family day care service that is responsible for approving, supporting, training and advising its educators.

## 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 and operates under the same National Quality Framework (NQF) as other forms of childcare; incorporating national regulations, quality and qualification standards, educational frameworks and an assessment and ratings process. Parents are eligible to the same Federal Government Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate subsidies.

## How is it different to other child care?

Your child's education and care is provided by an individual educator, operating within their own home. Educators work with small groups of no more than four children under school age and work in partnership with a local coordination unit who provide regular visits to monitor the children's progress and to provide support.

An educator may care for three additional school age children, outside of school hours. Ratios currently vary between states and territories.

## What are the benefits?

The home based setting provides a familiar, safe and secure learning environment.

Current research confirms the importance of strong relationships with significant adults to a child's early learning; family day care's small group environment facilitates strong bonds and promotes effective early learning and social development.

Family day care can provide education and care for children from babies to school age, offering the possibility for siblings to be cared for together in one location.

Family day care provides experiences which reflect the diversity of your community.

## Family Day Care Educators

Family day care educators are approved, early childhood education and care professionals who engage in the principles and practices of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and work within the requirements of the National Quality Framework.

In order to provide a safe educational environment for your child, there are requirements for all educators to:

- Hold a Certificate III level education and care qualification.
- Meet national standards which include maintaining quality learning programs, safe and hygienic learning environments, record keeping and qualifications.
- Maintain current first aid and CPR certificates and training in the emergency management of asthma and anaphylaxis.
- Maintain a clearance for working with children.
- Participate in regular support and monitoring visits conducted by their coordination unit.
- Attend training, meetings and workshops periodically, to maintain currency of skills and knowledge.
- Maintain current public liability insurance coverage.

