

Service Newsletter July 2022

Makuru is the coldest and wettest time of the year and traditionally this was a good time to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned and brought the cold weather! We hope that those of you in the cooler parts of WA are warmly rugged up and hopefully on the couch with a nice cup of herbal tea reading this newsletter and for those lucky few families up North, we hope you know how envious we are of your cooler (but warmer than here) weather!

Excellence in Family Day Care Awards 2022

To those families who nominated your child's Educator for the 2022 Excellence in Family Day Care awards, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We see on a daily basis how hard they all work, and it really does make a difference when little things like this happen. The smiles on the faces of our Educators who were nominated are priceless and the nominations are greatly appreciated! We will keep you updated when the results are announced.

Safer Online Gaming Webinar for Parents

Help your children stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming. The webinars are designed for families with young people aged 8 to 13 years old. Even if your children are younger, they will get older and having the information before hand can be really helpful! To register for these webinars register on the [eSafety website](#).

Red Nose have Partnered with Bonds

Red Nose have partnered with Bonds to create the Bonds Wondersleep range. These are the ONLY sleep bags approved by Red Nose for safer sleep. These gorgeous sleep bags and sleep suits have been released just in time for the cooler Winter nights. For more information visit the [Bonds Website](#).

KIDDO

KIDDO is a program which offers a range of free at-home resources for parents, carers and teachers to engage their children or students in physical activity and fundamental movement skill development. This amazing resource is designed specifically for children aged 0-8 years to develop the skills and confidence to be able to do things like running, jumping, throwing and catching. Feel free to [register](#) to unlock fun activities for the whole family to enjoy with their favourite music!

Risk Assessments

Some Educators are in the process of renewing their current risk assessments for outings and excursions. It is essential that you view these and then give authorisation for your child to attend the relevant outings. These risk assessments give Educators, parents and the Service staff the opportunity to assess the risks of the excursion prior to going. Educators should be communicating their outings with you before going and if you have not seen the risk assessment, please don't hesitate to ask your Educator. These documents are extremely important and your authorisation is a Regulatory requirement.

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Updated Policies for 2022

The following policies have been reviewed; these have been updated on the [Nature Alliance Website](#).

1.5 Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol-free Environment

3.4 Medical Conditions

5.1 Delivery and Collection of Children

6 Fees Charged by the Education and Care Service

14 Additional Child Care Subsidy

15 Absences from Care

22 Fit & Proper Assessment of FDC Educators, Assistants and Adults residing in the FDC Residence

23 Visitors to the FDC Residence

27 Provision of information, Support and Professional Development

28 Employment of FDC Service Staff

30 Engagement of FDC Educators

34 Non-Payment of Fees

CCS Eligibility: 26-Week Rule

From 11th July, a child who hasn't used care at least once in the previous 26 weeks will no longer be eligible for CCS. If a child has not attended care since 10 January, their CCS will cancel from 11 July. The rule will apply on an ongoing basis from this date. Families will need to submit a new CCS claim if the child re-commences care.

Services Australia has notified impacted families. You do not need to take action.

If a child attends care again after their CCS is cancelled, the family can lodge a new claim for CCS.

The 26-week rule will not affect backpay made to combined families for any higher subsidy they were eligible for between 7 March and 30 June 2022.

If you have any questions, please refer to [Services Australia](#).

CCS Capped Amount Increase

Please note that as of the 11th July the CCS rates are increasing, dependent on the combined annual income for each family. This also means the CCS capped amount increases, and for Family Day Care the new capped rate will be \$11.80. If your Educators fees are more than that per hour, the remaining amount per hour of care is not covered by the CCS and the balance will be paid at full fee.

Calendar of Events

Here are some events that might be of interest to you and your children over the month of July and early August: 7th July [International Peace & Love Day](#); 10th July [Eid Al-Adha](#); 10th July [Don't Step on a Bee Day](#); 12th July [Malala Day](#); 14th July [National Tape Measure Day](#); 15th July [I Love Horses Day](#); 16th July [World Snake Day](#); 18th July [Nelson Mandela Day](#) & [World Listening Day](#); 22nd July [World Brain Day](#); 26th July [Auntie's Day](#); 28th July [World Nature Conservation Day](#); 31st July [National Tree Day](#); 1 August [Spider-man Day](#); 2nd August [National Colouring Book Day](#)

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