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OUR CELEBRATION NEWS

This is our first newsletter as FDC Educators Association of SA, your State organisation that is here to assist you in your many needs in your business of nurturing children in Family Day Care. We hope you enjoy reading and we appreciate your feedback of what you would like to see included in this newsletter. There will be two Issues June and December and regular E-news Bulletins as interesting events and sector news happens.
Editor

- Celebrate our New Website
- Celebrate at our Conference at the 18th August- Arkaba Hotel
- Celebrate our MOU (partnership) with DECD
- Celebrate our working together in learning the EYLF

Here it is our.....NEW WEBSITE

Our website has been months in the making and we are proud to present our very own website which will keep you informed of much of our news and coming events as well as links to many useful sites that can help you in your business. Our thanks to Debbie Johnson-Keane for her work along with others of the committee for their input. Please visit and have a look.



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FDC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SA INC

WELCOME TO FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF S.A

Family Day Care Educators Association of South Australia Inc.
Founded 1988 (formally known as COSA - Careproviders of SA)

Purpose of Association

Support and promote Family Day Care Educators in South Australia.
Form Partnership with Family Day Care Australia to work together.
To advocate for Parents and Families to provide the best outcomes for childcare.
To support and guide Educators with advice and information on quality child care practices in Family Day Care.
Engage with Government and Non-Government agencies in South Australia and interstate consultations.
Engage in partnership with all stakeholders in fostering quality childcare and building a strong future foundation for Family Day Care.

Philosophy of Association

As united Educators we can shape the future of Family Day Care together.
Educators are self employed and work independently of other Educators.
With networking and unity by way of your State Association, concerns and advice can be communicated to all.

How information is distributed to South Australian Family Day Care

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WEBSITES TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR EYLF

www.aussiechildcarenetwork.com - Great for Kids Printables, EYLF Programming Templates, Resources, Articles and Forum

<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/ngs/plp/e-newsletters/> - Many E-newsletters that are very informative about case studies and other information about how they are engaging with the EYLF across Australia

<http://acecqa.gov.au/news-and-media/article/?id=read-our-latest-newsletter>
This newsletter No.7 looks at the Assessment and rating process: What to expect during the visit- FDC Q and A: Do I need to have the child restraints in my vehicle checked by a professional?

If you use facebook - there is a closed group of over 700 educators from FDC and Centres that put up some really good resources, photos, templates, ideas and discussions particularly in regard to the EYLF. **Put Childcare Educators Networking** into the search box and add your name to group to become a member.

EYLF: Programming and documentation for Family Day Care

EYLF and National Quality Standards simply explained. Tested by FDC Educators
Formats can be adapted for your needs
http://www.childcarebydesign.com.au/eylf_dvd

Register with Care for Kids Website:

List your vacancies for families to see and have access to the Craft Ideas Section for some great ideas to keep children busy..
<http://www.careforkids.com.au>



“Your membership now includes the Business Planner to assist you with your recording.”



BUSINESS TIPS

Review Fee Schedule

Now is the time to review your fees. Families have had an increase in CCB in FDC it includes a loading of 1.3333% was \$5.04 will increase to \$5.20 per hour. Families expect to pay at least the CPI increase in fees (approximately 3.2 %).

Consider the costs to run your service, electricity, gas, and water have all had significant increases as well as other areas.

Check out what child care charges are happening in your area <http://www.careforkids.com.au> as a bit of a guide.

Remember you are qualified, experienced and supply a personalised quality service.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Educators

Over the last few months our committee have been working very hard on the Business Planner, National Members Forum (State) our Association AGM, Conference and Celebration Dinner and networking with Educators.

OUR ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

We have had meetings with the Department, visiting colleagues in both the country and the city and have forged great friendships. Educators have appreciated the time we have invested in assisting them to understand the Early Years Learning Framework, the National Quality Standards that encompasses the National Law and Regulations.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Our State Association has grown by approximately 100 more members. There are still some educators who were members last year and have not renewed. Please consider very carefully your membership as it now includes the Business planner to assist you with your recording. Please encourage others to join because we are here to advocate for you on your behalf and to lobby the Government of the day for changes.

NATIONAL MEMBER'S FORUM

DEEWR listen to us and as your educator representative to the National Member's Forum for Family Day Care Australia, you have a very strong representation and a voice when changes need to be heard.

OUR STATE CONFERENCE/DINNER

Our State Association AGM/Celebration Dinner will be held on the 18th August at the Arkaba Hotel, and will begin on that morning with guest speakers from Inclusive Directions and from FDCA as well. An informative program is currently being organised by Danni McIntosh and myself as your NMF representatives along with our Association committee.

It is important that when you receive information for this fantastic Inaugural Event that you contact Kylie Stafford or myself to ensure you have a booking well in advance and that your accommodation is booked by you if you require it.

Please support us with this occasion as we would like to thank all educators, staff and our families for the work that is done so that we keep our children at the centre of all that we do.

S.A. REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Our own member Merrilyn Hannaford has been elected as Proxy to Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of S.A. for the next three years.

This Board is this States Regulatory Authority who is primarily responsible for the approval, monitoring and quality assessment of services in their jurisdiction in accordance with the National Legislative Framework in relation to the National Quality Standard. Merrilyn has had opportunity to be present at the May Board meeting. Proxies keep up to date with all Board proceedings. We are fortunate to have an Educator to represent the Family Day Care Sector.

MY THANK YOU

I would like to thank the educators who have been involved in our road shows for your enthusiasm, your expertise and your passion for our industry, and to those people who attended and made it all so worthwhile.

Your State Association committee will continue to work in the best interests for the Educators of South Australia.

This will be our last newsletter before our AGM and so I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support once again during 2011-2012. I hope that I can continue to represent you as President again in 2012-2013. Always know, whatever the outcome I will support the Educators Association of South Australia at all times knowing that the work each person does is very much valued.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Conference of NMF/AGM and Celebration Dinner, so that we can acknowledge each and everyone of you for a very valued career choice.

Priscilla Schwanz



Australian Government



For more information on Building Australia's Workforce information campaign visit www.skills.gov.au or free call 133 196. For media enquiries: media@deewr.gov.au (02) 6240 7300

FDC Association of SA Committee Member approached to support the "Building Australia's Workforce Campaign". Sonia Menzell was supported by Fention Communication who came to her home and did a recording with her and the children in care. The experience was quite easy and the cameraman gave me the guidance needed to get what they were looking for, which was based around career paths and the study required to reach these goals.

The video is now finished and the result is very satisfactory. Our Association is always happy to take the opportunity to give some media to FDC.

We believe those who view our taping will know what a great organization FDC is and the career path to reach that aspiration.



Courtesy of Sheryl Winters

Metro and Regional Training - Presented By Your Assoc.

Thank you so much to those people who gave up their family time to attend. The response we have received has been fantastic and very complimentary. The time that was donated and designated to each group has received much appreciation and positive feedback.

We as Educators on the Association understand the way you feel and how most of us are coping with the challenging changes with recording, EYLF and the nerve racking prospect of being selected for Assessment in your area. Not only have we been doing group workshops we have given many Educators some one on one assistance where possible within our areas.

The 15 Educators elected to serve you have given much to provide other colleagues support and assistance in understanding the process of documenting what we do and through a better understanding of the way the SA FDC Business Planner resource can be used.



Training planned for
Murray Bridge and Hills,
Whyalla, Pt. Pirie, Pt.
Augusta, Mt Gambier
and Naracoorte, Southern
Adelaide, Northern Metro,
Multicultural, Pt Lincoln
and Riverland
Has now been completed

Your Association has a plan and it has already been put in practice

WORKING FOR YOU

Our Vision and Plan for the Future

Being:

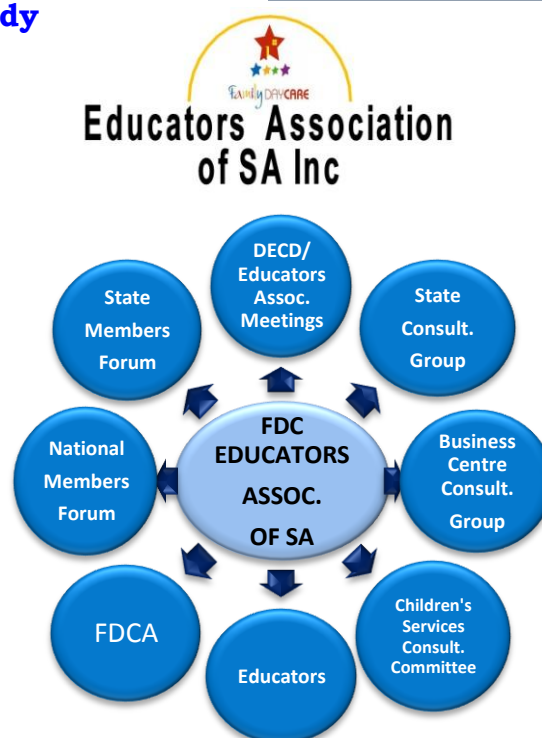
- Pro active in keeping in touch with Educators,
- Networking With Authorities,
- Develop Existing Partnership with stakeholders.
- Assist Educators in Recording and Business Practices.

Belonging:

- Having a place at the table with Government.
- Support the 5 year plan of Family Day Care Australia
- Building a strong foundation in SA with DECD.
- Working in collaboration with Educators and Families.

Becoming:

- Recognized as a skilled and creditable State Educators Association.
- Active in meeting and consulting with Decision Makers.
- Strong, supportive and continue to be the best we can as a representative group.
- Leadership model for Educator Support and Information.





WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS- IDEAS AND DOWNLOADS

Educators just loving the things sent to them and we are getting such lovely comments of appreciation like:

★ "I'd just like to say thank you for sending that e-mail on "families week". "Have used it and appreciated it thanks".

We are intending to keep them coming and hope you enjoy our "sharing and caring information" not only from our Assoc. Committee but from other Educators. What amazing people we are, with incredible ideas & practical ideas for our everyday business practices. Please enjoy, just delete if you don't want them or share with others.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE - SA FDC BUSINESS PLANNER

Our Education Association recognize that many FDC Educators and Staff have other business interests and are offering the opportunity to obtain wide media coverage not only in the planner but on the Association Website which has access to over 1000 SA Staff and Educators. This unique opportunity will only be available for a limited time and reprinting of the planner will be done with consideration for new sponsors to come on board.

To discuss advertising and business exposure contact
fdc.assoc.sa@live.com.au



SA FDC BUSINESS PLANNERS - RUNNING OUT AND MORE TO BE PRINTED

So popular have been the business planners that we are running out of stock and have had to reorder the next printing run.

Feedback has been wonderful and as Educators get a handle on how much they can record in it, stick in it, tape in it and use it, the more Educators are requesting it.

We admit it is a learning experience to use a new tool and we recommend you have a look at what other Educators are using it for and believe us no one uses it in the same way.

The diversity of recording methods is a credit to those who have embraced it's use and the imagination of how to get your evidence for assessment time should you be chosen. Feedback from some staff has been "how impressed we have been at the content being recorded".



Become a Member of FDC Educators Association of SA Inc.
Receive a complimentary copy of the
SA-FDC Business Planner



DAY CONFERENCE AND DINNER EVENT OF THE YEAR

Saturday 18th August 2012

Conference 10.00am - 4.00pm

Celebration Dinner 6.45pm

- To Celebrate the accomplishments of FDC Nationally and within South Australia
- Acknowledge FDC Staff and Educators Commitment and Years of Service Awards and
- Bring us together socially in the presence of Government Officials to show our unique affiliation within the Australian Childcare Industry

Educators Association (Conference and Dinner Events Planning Group) have been steaming ahead with planning, meetings, visits to venues, food tasting and planning decor, along with acquiring guest speakers and sponsors etc to bring you a great day and evening to celebrate who we are.

Contact Kylie Stafford for bookings 04148283702

or email: staffordhouse@bigpond.com

DO YOU HAVE CERTIFICATE III and would like to get your Diploma FREE
HERE IS HOW.....

Enhance training is wanting to upskill Educators in Family Day Care through the Skills for All program implemented by the S.A. Government.

There is a criteria to meet and most of us are eligible.

Visit their website to find out more

<http://www.enhancetraining.org/index.php/courses/dilpoma>

The screenshot shows the Enhance Training & Recruitment website. At the top, there's a logo for 'ENHANCE training & recruitment' and a photo of a woman with two children. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Recruitment, Training, Courses, Blog, Enrolments, Careers, Contact Us, Room Hire, Skills for All. The main content area features a section for 'CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education and Care)' with a 'Skills for All' logo and text stating 'FREE FREE Diploma in Children's Services'. A 'COURSE Cost' table lists details for full fee paying students, external pay per module (\$240), and total cost per module (\$4470). There's also an 'ENQUIRE NOW' button and a 'Request information' link.



Have offered our members 15% discount on any purchases from their catalogue. If you have not purchased from Educational Experience before register online and mention that you are a Family Day Care Educator.

You can encourage your families and friends to purchase for those birthdays, Christmas etc. by inviting them to view the catalogue to give them opportunity to purchase too.

You are able to get the new fundraising catalogue starting from the 12th July. This is one way that you can raise funds for your equipment. Educational Experience are supporting Educators with resources for the EYLF and My time, Our Place.

Just make contact on the Toll Free Number

or <http://www.edex.com.au>

A banner for 'Customer Service' with a dark background. It features the text 'View Cart | Login | Contact Us' at the top, followed by 'Customer Service' in large white letters, and 'To speak to us call toll free on 1300 134 211' in bold white text. At the bottom, it says 'View Cart | Login | Contact Us' again.

The 'Educational Experience Learning Pyramid' logo. It features a small circular emblem with two children holding hands, followed by the text 'Educational Experience' and 'Welcome to the Learning Pyramid' in a stylized font.

Kylie is Supporting Educators with their business side of Family Day Care.

The logo for 'STAFFORD SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT' features a briefcase icon above the company name. Below the name is the phone number '0414 828 370' and the text 'Business Support for Family Day Care Educators'. It also mentions 'Workshops available' and 'Individual consultation' with a small briefcase icon. The email address 'e: staffordsupportanddevelopment@hotmail.com' and website 'www.staffordsupportanddevelopment.com' are listed at the bottom.

I have many workshop sessions booked in with the Business Centre. Times and dates are on my website:

www.staffordsupportanddevelopment.com

St John are offering a ONE day Apply First Aid (Formerly Senior First Aid refresher) as a **FASTTRACK** course, which means no assumed knowledge and NO prework to do, OR you may prefer a more comprehensive 2 day Apply First Aid course **SFAPLUS** which includes accreditation in Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Defibrillation! However, both courses include assessment in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation!)

Check when courses are available:

<http://www.stjohnsa.com.au/first-aid-training/>

An advertisement for St John Australia. It features a woman in a St John uniform smiling. Text includes 'Australia's leading provider of first aid training & kits', '...and an outstanding contributor to the community', and 'First in first aid Call 1300 360 455 www.stjohnsa.com.au'. There are also images of first aid kits.

Please note that you do not need to have accreditation for Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Defibrillation for Family Day Care.

It is covered enough in Apply First aid- Fasttrack



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COMING EVENTS

Not too late to register
for the FDCA and
International Conference
in Brisbane 18-21st July
Contact:
<http://www.cdesign.com.au/fdc2012>

OUR MONTHLY MEETING DATES:

Monday 30th July (please note
this is a week later than usual)

A.G.M. at the Conference

18th August at the Arkaba

Monday 27th August 2012

Monday 24th September 2012

Monday 22nd October 2012

Monday 26th November 2012

NEW CLOTHING RANGE AVAILABLE ONLINE

Be recognised for the great service you provide with Family
Day Care Logo and name-
A good way to advertise your service

The Clothing link will be on our website soon-

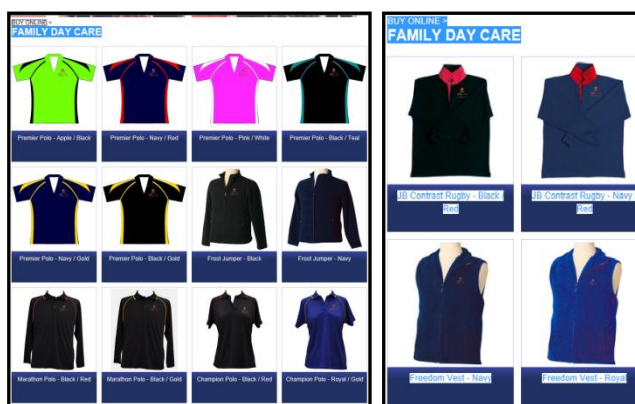
Here is some of the range available for you to purchase online from our new
supplier - Sportscentre, Hindmarsh Adelaide.

<http://www.sportscentre.com.au/products/buy-online/family-day-care>

Just choose your colour, size and place your order which you can collect from their
store or have it mailed to your address.

Children's polo shirts, T shirts and hats available too.

If you are unable to access online ordering - Phone 1300 123 609



CHANGES TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

As from 28th May 2012, the renewal of membership will
now be from the processed date on members last receipt and
new members will become due twelve months from the date
on their receipt.

Reminders will go out quarterly i.e. for those renewals in the
first financial quarter being July, August and September the
invoices will go out in July.

This has changed to coincide with the planner requirements.

The yearly membership fee will be: **\$30**

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