

# Partnership Agreement 2012



## **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Between

Family Day Care Educators Association of South Australia Incorporated  
PO Box 456 Ingle Farm SA 5098

and

Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) South Australia, acting  
through the Family Day Care program  
31 Flinders Street, Adelaide, SA 5000

### **RECITALS**

- A. FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC is an incorporated body which has as its primary objective the support and promotion of the interests of family day care educators in South Australia and nationally. FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC also resources and supports the provision by educators of quality child care and appropriate related services for the benefit of children and families. FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC also liaises with government and non-government agencies in South Australia and other states in partnership with all stakeholders in fostering quality child care, for the betterment of educators and such other matter incidental to the attainment of its objectives.
- B. DECD by agreement with the Australian Government has the sponsorship and operation of 12 family day care (FDC) schemes in South Australia. DECD is responsible for the approval of educators, monitoring of the care provision, administration of child care benefits as well as the management of the operational budget and overseeing the FDC program to facilitate quality outcomes. DECD is committed to ensuring and promoting the provision of high quality, inclusive, accessible FDC services for children and families. DECD aims to ensure that service delivery is efficient, innovative and responsive to needs of families, educators and key stakeholders as well as consult and work collaboratively with families, educators and key stakeholders.
- C. The parties have agreed to enter into a Partnership Agreement to strengthen their relationship and wish to formally record the understanding and agreement reached to date.
- D. The parties intend to give effect to this Partnership Agreement but acknowledge that it does not create and must not be construed as creating a legally binding and enforceable contract.

## PRINCIPLES

DECD and EASA jointly support and promote the provisions of high quality, inclusive and accessible Family Day Care services for children and families. DECD and EASA commit to regard the interests of children to be paramount, to work collaboratively to enhance and positively promote Family Day Care in South Australia and strive for fairness, openness and honesty in their working relationship.

## THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 The parties agree to meet at least 3 times a year. The President of FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC and the DIRECTOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PROGRAMS will schedule meeting dates and establish an agenda. Meetings can also be held as needed by mutual consent.
- 2 The parties will share relevant Australian Government and State Government information regarding proposed changes to legislation, policies and/or initiatives that will impact significantly on FDC families and educators, with the exception of information provided to either party in confidence.
- 3 The parties will work together to promote the family day care service to the general community and to educators and staff, and to this end the department will from time to time assist the association with communications.
- 4 The parties will review the terms of this Partnership Agreement annually and may review and vary the terms by agreement at any time during its operation. Any such variation shall be made in writing and signed by both parties.
- 5 Both DECD and FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC reserve the right to terminate this Partnership Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the other party within thirty (30) days.

SIGNED for and on behalf of )  
EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION )  
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA )  
INCORPORATED )

by Priscilla Schwanz  
President

*Priscilla P. Schwanz*  
signature & date 19/03/2012

FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC  
in the presence of:

*Merrilyn Hannaford*  
signature & date

19/03/2012

MERRILYN HANNAFORD  
name

SIGNED for and on behalf of )  
DEPARTMENT FOR )  
EDUCATION AND CHILD )  
DEVELOPMENT )

by Kathryn Jordan  
Director  
Early Childhood Development  
Strategy and Programs  
in the presence of:

*K Jordan*  
signature & date 19/3/12

*Bodie*  
signature & date

19-3-12  
name



# Family Day Care

Children and young people are at the centre of everything we do

## DECD/FDC EASA Partnership Action Plan

### Principles:

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Partnership	Actions	Responsibilities	Timeline
<i>What do we want to achieve?</i>	<i>What will be done?</i>	<i>Who will do it?</i>	<i>By When?</i>
DECD and FDC EASA to meet 3 times per year	Meeting in Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 with EASA Executive and DECD Director and Policy Officer.	EASA to arrange meeting and develop shared agenda	2012: – 19 March – 18 June – 24 September  Royal Hotel, Kent Town, 7pm

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Share relevant Australian and State Government information regarding legislation, policy and/or initiatives that will impact significantly on FDC families and educators.	Information sharing , policy, legislation and/or initiatives.  DECD to manage blog to support policy discussion.  EASA to update DECD on FDCA and national/state initiatives  FDC Managers to attend EASA committee meetings.  DECD to produce state-wide newsletter	At DECD/EASA meetings.  DECD  At DECD/EASA meetings. See above.  DECD to arrange for each manager to attend one meeting per year. EASA to advise of dates and agenda. DECD	See dates above  Ongoing  See dates above  Royal Hotel, Kent Town, 7pm  Quarterly
Work together to promote the Family Day Care services to the community, educators and staff and to this end DECD will from time to time assist the Association with communications.	DECD rep to attend National Member's Forum and dinner and promote event to FDC.  DECD to distribute 2 EASA newsletters per year.  EASA can use the DECD FDC graphic device for co-branding.  DECD to share EASA info to FDC leaders.  DECD to develop new FDC postcard for Parents, Children and Babies Expo  DECD to develop FDC business card.	EASA to provide further details  EASA to provide newsletter to BCSC.  DECD to provide CD  EASA to provide information for DECD FDC leadership meetings  DECD to organise  DECD to organise	August 2012  June/July & Oct/Nov  February 2012  Ongoing  April 2012  April 2012
Review the Partnership Agreement annually.	Annual review of the Partnership Agreement and action plan to occur at September meeting.	DECD and EASA Executive	24 September 2012 Royal Hotel, Kent Town, 7pm