

Scheme staff are also the initial contact point for advice and information about family day care. They will work with you to match your childcare needs with the best care environment for your child taking account of diversity of language, culture and ability to ensure the right fit between children, carers and their respective families.

The scheme may also offer relief care if your usual carer is unwell or plans to take leave.

Many schemes offer services such as toy libraries and playgroups to ensure that children have a variety of stimulating play experiences.

A typical day in family day care might involve:

- art and craft activities – drawing, painting, playdough
- making music and singing songs

- water and sand play
- reading books and telling stories
- school readiness skills
- fine motor skills/hand-eye coordination – cutting, drawing, counting, learning colours/shapes, writing
- gross motor skills – hopping, skipping, jumping, ball play
- doing homework after school
- having fun with the other children

The children will also have meals and time for rest or naps as needed.



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To find out more about family day care in your local area contact:

Family Day Care Hotline
1800 621 218

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excellent childcare ... at home

what is family day care?

Family day care is a quality home-based childcare service that's been actively helping Australian families for over 30 years.

Imagine your child in a small group of no more than four or five pre-schoolers, playing, learning and having fun with a child carer they know and trust. This close relationship is valued by over 100,000 discerning families who enrol their children in family day care while they work or study.

Today's working environment is no longer the traditional 9 to 5 routine – so flexible childcare that meets the needs of modern families is a must.

Family day care caters for young babies through to pre-teens and can offer care during standard hours, before/after school, during school holidays and in some circumstances overnight and weekends.

Carers work in partnership with a local family day care scheme which is generally run by a community group or local council.

They are regularly visited by trained scheme staff who monitor the children's progress and provide support, resources and ongoing training in contemporary childcare practice.



standards and fees

All carers are skilled, experienced and highly trained; many hold formal qualifications ranging from Certificate III to university degrees.

Family day care operates under a framework of State and national standards that ensures the childcare environment is safe and children receive quality care. The National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC) governs the family day care quality assurance system. For more information visit www.ncac.gov.au.

Carers need an up-to-date first aid certificate, police check, working with children check and public liability insurance, and their home needs to meet safety standards.

Families can apply for the full range of childcare fee subsidies such as Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Tax Rebate.



Fees for family day care are set by the individual carers and may vary according to location, the carer's qualifications, the hours of care and the age of the child. Carers may also provide food, nappies and transport.

why choose family day care?

Family day care's main point of difference is the small group setting where each child is treated as an individual, and daily experiences are tailored to each child's developmental stage and interests.

No other formal childcare service offers such low carer to child ratios (either 1:4 or 1:5 depending on the State/Territory) – and this, together with flexible hours, consistency of one primary carer, affordable rates and generous fee subsidies and a strong regulatory framework – makes family day care a unique childcare option.

So if you are working or studying, and want excellent childcare for your child, consider family day care. It is the only accredited childcare service that enables your child to learn and grow with a small group of other children in a secure family home with one professional carer.

Contact the family day care hotline now for more information about family day care in your local area.

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