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Grants for carers

MORE than 12,500 family day care carers Australia-wide will receive a one-off \$350 Capability Grant from the Federal Government for the purchase of educational equipment, toys and training needs to further develop their ability to provide high quality care.

This new \$4.5 million initiative was announced yesterday by Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth Kate Ellis.

The Family Day Care Capability Grants will be made available from July to registered family day care carers who are on the Family Day Care Australia database as of June 30.

More than 102,900 children are currently enrolled in family day care services Australia-wide.

For more information on the grant and how to apply, visit www.fdca.com.au.