

Educator Update – March 2018



Angela Free will be on leave: from Monday 16th April and will be returning to work on Monday 4th June. Angela Stanley-Gasparin will be Acting Program Administrator for this time.

Meetings and training: unfortunately Sharnee Kelly's session on planning and documentation (Part A) had to be postponed until **Tuesday 27th March**. Any cancellations or new bookings from educators who would like to attend, could you please contact the office. Cost is \$20.00.

The next scheme meeting is on **Tuesday April 10th** and the focus is the NDIS program.

Scott Gibson will talk about risk management at the meeting on **Wednesday 16th May**.

Robyn will be attending a Kidsafe unintentional injury prevention forum on the 5th April where there will be a focus on child restraint issues and she will report back to the scheme meeting on the 10th April.

Have you registered for PRODA yet? All educators are to register by April. Please forward your RA number to the office so that it can be entered into Harmony.

Family Day Care Australia National Engagement Program: at the meeting for services CEO Andrew Paterson spoke about the importance for family day care services to continue meeting the diverse needs of families, especially around flexibility in both hours and in approaches to programming and activities for individual children.

Michelle Hilton-Moon from ACECQA talked about the two most challenging areas of the NQF in the assessment and ratings process – critical reflection and the planning cycle. There is a strong emphasis on the learning frameworks and it is particularly important that there is visible evidence around the planning cycle and how it is put into practice. Michelle suggested re-reading the Educator's Guide to the Early Years Learning Framework to help improve practice in these two areas in particular. She also suggested using ACECQA's on-line resources such as their newsletters, the Starting Blocks information for families and the Early Childhood Resource Hub.

Thinking of going to FDCA's 2018 National Conference? The final program has been released and looks very exciting. The conference will be held on the Gold Coast 6-8 September. Early Bird tickets with a five stage payment plan are available until 31st March.

The Australian Government's new Child Care Package: comes into effect on July 2nd and will contain many changes for both families and services. Further information will be available soon.

Easter closure: the office will close on Friday 30th March and re-open on Wednesday 4th April. Angela will be contactable on the mobile for emergencies.

Timesheets and processing over Easter: Timesheets need to be at the Council Chambers by 8.30 Wednesday morning or at the scheme offices by 9.00am. If any educators can get their timesheets in on Thursday 29th March, it would be greatly appreciated.