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Newsletter

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Dear Educators,

We hope you have all been keeping well since our last newsletter. We take this opportunity to welcome educators who are new to the In Home Care (IHC) program. As we always say, these families would not be able to work if it wasn't for the quality education and care you provide to their children each and every shift. The positive impact you have on these family's lives is undoubtedly valued and appreciated!

Approved IHC Service Providers within Tasmania

Over the next few editions of our educator newsletter, the In Home Care Support Agency Tasmania will provide information about our three currently approved IHC Service providers across Tasmania. This month we feature Placement Solutions.

Placement Solutions is now operational within Tasmania as both an IHC service provider (Child Care Subsidy (CCS) eligible) as well as a private Nanny service. Whilst currently Placement Solutions are located in Victoria, the company are able to provide both IHC and Nanny services to families across Melbourne, Sydney and Tasmania.

Placement Solution's nanny services may be of interest to families who may not meet the eligibility requirements for In Home Care but are looking to get in touch with a reliable nanny to support the care needs of their family.

To get in touch or for more information, please visit

www.placementsolutions.com.au

ACECQA Safe Transportation of Children

The Australian Government recently announced [Safe Transportation of Children](#) requirements for providers of education and care services, within the scope of the National Quality Framework (NQF) that offer, or arrange, transportation of children as part of the education and care service. The new requirements take effect as at 1st October 2020.

Whilst IHC currently sits outside of the scope of National Quality Framework, it is important that you are aware of Safe Transportation of Children requirements.

Educator Wellbeing – Be You

Be You is a national mental health initiative for educators which aims to promote and protect positive mental health in children and young people in every early learning service and school in Australia.

Be You vision is to build an education system in which every learning community is positive, inclusive and resilient – where every child, young person, staff member and family can achieve their best possible mental health. <https://beyou.edu.au/about-be-you>

Professional Learning

There are many free online resources and professional learning opportunities available to early childhood educators, to support you to increase your skills and knowledge in relation to a wide variety of topics. If you haven't yet heard of 'The Learning Hub- Early Childhood Australia', we recommend you visit the following link to access free modules/topics such as eSafety and Playing with Gratitude:

<https://learninghub.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/>

Fun and Educational Spring Play Ideas

With the warmer months ahead of us, there are more opportunities for children to be and explore outdoors. Some learning experiences to engage children include:

water play - water is a great tool to support children's learning across all developmental domains. For example, you might provide the resources and a provocation for children to explore what floats, and what doesn't – and why! Or what happens when you mix coloured water together. You might like to make a 'nature soup/potion' for imaginative play – collecting various outdoor resources and building on the creative conversations that arise. When water is involved, you can pretty much guarantee that children will be enthusiastic and actively engaged in the learning.

outdoor yoga – we all know (possibly too well) how much energy children have to burn, and yoga is a great way for children to stretch and explore their bodies in a different way. Combined with breathing exercises and the fresh outdoor air – this activity will leave all involved feeling relaxed and rejuvenated. There is an abundance of online resources that educators can access and use to support yoga experiences with children. Check out the following links to learn more about yoga for children.

Youtube links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X655B4ISakg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo3ga3Vk6vQ>

Online Book Database

The National Centre for Australian Children's Literature (NCACL) has produced a free database for educators to discover children's books by and about Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The database allows educators to explore a range of children's books and related teaching resources, including a description of the text and story, advice on how to present the text to children during learning activities, information on the cultures and traditions presented in the text, age-level guidance, insights into the illustrations and author, relevant links to Early Years Learning Framework and links to teaching resources. Importantly, the database is an opportunity for educators to enrich their curriculum with stories reflecting the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's culture, their dreaming and teaching stories, and tales of contemporary life. A wonderful resource that we are very excited to share with you.

Please see [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander book database](#).

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