



# In Home Care

SUPPORT AGENCY TASMANIA



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# Newsletter

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*Dear In Home Care Educators,*

What an interesting year 2020 was for us all! 2021 is well and truly underway and we are looking forward to a positive and productive year. Now that the school year has started, and children are settled back into school and routines, we should see increased levels of consistency of IHC requirements for families.

We thank each of you for supporting the families who utilise In Home Care across Tasmania. We value the connections we have with IHC educators and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with families, IHC Service Providers and educators to ensure IHC across Tasmania continues to grow and provides quality education and care for children and families.

### **Welcome to the team, Natalie!**

2021 brings some changes to staffing within the In Home Care Support Agency. In Early February, we welcomed Nat to our team!



Hello Educators,

I'm Nat and I started working at The In Home Care Support Agency on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Prior to this, I worked on the floor as an Early Childhood Educator for the last 20 years, so I can definitely relate to, and support the incredible work that you do. In my spare time, I enjoy watching my daughters play sport, teaching our

rescue greyhound how to be a dog and eating out with friends. I am very much enjoying the challenge of learning the ins and outs of the In Home Care program. I look forward to getting to know everyone and working with you to support the IHC needs of families across Tasmania throughout 2021.

### **Changes to IHC Support Agency Tasmania staffing**

To appropriately support the ever growing number of IHC families across Tasmania, we have restructured IHC Support Agency administration role to increase our response times to phone calls and emails across each week. Whilst we aim to ensure either Natalie or Roxanne are available to respond to phone calls and emails each day, there will be times when families may need to leave a message with another staff member. Please be assured either Natalie or Roxanne will return your call as soon as possible.

At the end of February we farewelled Amrita from the IHC team. We are hoping Amrita will be available to support busy periods within IHC program moving forward.

### **FASD Training**

FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) in partnership with Inclusion Agency Tasmania, Gowrie Training & Consultancy, have organised a professional development session facilitated by Vicki Russell from FASD Tasmania.

The presentation will include:

- Overview of FASD – context – the impact of alcohol in society and particularly women's use; the impact of

alcohol at a cellular level and epigenetics; prevalence (international, national and state rates), Australian diagnostic instrument and diagnostic process

- Presentation of FASD – impact on development – brain and physical – presenting difficulties across the lifespan, identifying risk factors.
- Strategies to support the inclusion of children (FASD) within daily education and care programs – Vicki will draw on her experience and Certificate of Mastery in a neurobehavioural approach (USA).

**Cost:** \$30 (exclusive GST)

**Ulverstone:**

**When:** Thursday 18th March 9.30am—11.30am

**Venue:** Ulverstone Sports and Leisure Centre, Flora Street, West Ulverstone

**Launceston:**

**When:** Wednesday 31st March 10.00am—12.00pm

**Venue:** Launceston Library Civic Square Room

**Hobart:**

**When:** Thursday 6th May 9.30am-11.30am

**Venue:** Mary Gibson Training Room, Lady Gowrie Tasmania Integrated Centre 269 Davey Street, South Hobart.

**Register:**

[www.gowrieconsultancy.com.au/events-calendar/](https://www.gowrieconsultancy.com.au/events-calendar/)

## **ECA Conference**

The Early Childhood Australia National Conference was unfortunately postponed in 2020 but is set to make it's return in April 2021, with the theme being 'Young Citizens: the right to play, learn and be heard.' Celebrating young children as citizens with rights, the conference will explore how these rights can be supported and respected,

particularly through play, play based pedagogy, and child informed practice.

For more information:

<https://www.ecaconference.com.au/>

## **Educators Required**

With many new families looking to commence IHC in 2021, all Tasmanian IHC Service Providers are eagerly seeking to grow their educator numbers to meet continuing demand. If you know any qualified early childhood educators (Cert III and above), someone who is looking to start their qualification or someone considering a new career path, please ask them to contact our IHC Service Providers (Wanslea IHC, Placement Solutions or Leor In Home Early Learning) or IHC Support Agency Tasmania and we can provide prospective educators with contact information for each of our Tasmanian IHC Service Providers.

## **Advising IHC Support Agency of IHC bookings for families who work on a variable roster.**

We remind educators to please email the IHC Support Agency with your upcoming IHC bookings, dates and hours for families who work on a variable roster (different days/hours each week or fortnight). Whilst we understand this is not part of your responsibility, busy families often forget to inform the IHC Support Agency of changes to their IHC needs, in particular, an extra shift etc. By dropping us an email to let us know your upcoming bookings with individual families who work variable rosters, ensures IHC Support Agency is aware and can approve the correct amount of

IHC hours for any individual week/fortnight. It also assists to report accurate usage of In Home Care places to the Australian Government.

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*Annette, Roxanne, and Nat.  
In Home Care Support Agency Tasmania*