



## In Home Care.

It is now official. Coffs Harbour Family Day Care is a service provider for In Home Care.

In Home Childcare is a flexible form of child care where care is provided in the child's home by an approved educator and is monitored and supported to ensure quality outcomes for children. We will be operating our IHC through the NSW In Home Care Service which is sponsored by the NSW Family Day Care Association and funded by DEEWR.

Why did we decide to provide IHC?

We have recently received several inquiries from families and carers in relation to the provision of IHC. IHC will compliment our FDC service and it is hoped that many families will be able to transition to FDC.

In Home Care (IHC) was introduced in June 2001 as a flexible form of child care designed to accommodate the needs of families unable to access mainstream child care. IHC places are targeted to families who:

- have no access to existing child care services; or
- their circumstances mean that an existing child care service cannot meet their needs;

**and at least one of the following criteria also applies:**

- the child has, or lives with another child who has, an illness or a disability;
- the child's guardian (or guardian's partner) has an illness or disability that affects their ability to care for the child;
- the child lives in a rural or remote area;
- the work hours of the child's guardian (or guardian's partner) are hours when no other approved child care service is available; or
- the child's guardian (or guardian's partner) is caring for three or more children who have not yet started school.

In Home Carers will receive the same training as Family Day Carers and will be regulated by the Interim Standards for In Home Care. The policies and procedures will model our family day care practices, the major difference being that the care takes place in the family home and therefore the licensing requirements for the premises in FDC cannot be imposed upon the family home.

This will be a great complimentary service for us to be offer for families that cannot be accommodated in family day care. If you have any questions in relation to In Home Care please do not hesitate to contact the Scheme office.