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Family day care offers more choice

Mr Simon Finn MP, State Member for Yeerongpilly, will officially open the new premises of Brisbane South Family Day Care on Saturday 6 March 2010 at 12.30pm at 7/192 Evans Road, Salisbury.

Moving premises is an integral step in Brisbane South Family Day Care's campaign to further grow their service to provide families with more flexible child care options in this thriving Queensland region.

Mr Finn said, 'Family day care has been a vital service for more than 30 years in the Brisbane South area and as demand for day care continues to rise, the recruitment of new carers is crucial for this vital service to continue to grow and provide more child care choices for local families.'

Brisbane South Family Day Care was established in 1977 and until recently was based at the Nathan campus of Griffith University, who sponsored the scheme until Family Day Care Association Queensland took over this support role in January 2009.

This expanding service currently has 42 experienced family day care carers operating in the Brisbane South community and over 200 children enrolled in their service.

Anne Reddell, Executive Director Regulation and Services in the Office of Early Childhood Education and Care, will also be in attendance at the official opening.

'The Office for Early Childhood Education and Care looks forward to our continued partnership with the Brisbane South Family Day Care Scheme to help give Queensland children the flying start they deserve,' Ms Reddell said.

Families looking for flexible child care and people interested in children and want to earn a healthy income working in their own home-based business are invited to attend this exciting event.

The festivities commence at 10.30am and there will be an array of fun activities that will inform people about family care as a flexible child care option and career choice.

Sue Chapman, Manager of Brisbane South Family Day Care said, 'family day care is a professional and regulated home-based child care service offering care for children from birth to 12 years and beyond. Highly trained carers utilise their understanding of children's strengths, skills and knowledge and an important basis for program decision making. The consistency of having one carer enables strong relationships to develop which is so important for early learning and social development. Family day care is the preferred child care choice of the families of 102,900 children across Australia.

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