

Media Release



20 MAY 2009

THE HON MAXINE MCKEW MP TO OPEN FAMILY DAY CARE AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HOBART

The Family Day Care Australia (FDCA) National Conference only occurs every three years and this year, it is being opened by the Parliamentary Secretary of Early Childhood Education and Child Care, The Hon Maxine McKew MP.

As the Government representative of Child Care, the Minister will be addressing the current agenda items that include quality of child care facilities and higher qualifications for carers.

Rhonda Bignell, CEO, FDCA says, "the quality of family day care facilities is at the forefront of our agenda, having the Government set child care as one of its highest priorities, enables us to establish one of the highest standards of child care in the country.

A child's early learning years are imperative to their future years in vocational and academic areas, so we in family day care play a significant part in the future of our children's futures.

Establishing a learning and 'family like' environment is also very important in developing children's' potential, giving them an advantage once they reach their school years," said Ms Bignell.

The conference also provides a forum for carers to hear from some of the nation's leading speakers in a range of topics that will assist them in their knowledge, training and quality of running a family day care service.

Family day care is a quality home-based child care service that's been actively helping Australian families for over 30 years.

- ENDS -

The Hon Maxine McKew, MP, will be opening the conference at 8.45am on Thursday 21st May, at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart.

For interviews with Rhonda Bignell, CEO of Family Day Care Australia, please contact Sis Santos on 0408 447 139.

Family Day Care Australia