



Armidale & District Family Day Care Ltd

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What does the role of a Family Day Care Educator entail?

A Family Day Care Educator is not a babysitter. Demands are very high as Educators are expected to provide a safe, secure, nurturing and stimulating environment for the children in their care.

Educators may care for a maximum of seven children at any one time and four of those children may be under the age of 5.

For the most part, Educators work independently within their home -based services, occasionally offering excursions to approved locations within the community.

Educators are expected to plan, prepare and deliver age appropriate activities to meet the individual needs of all children in care, whilst complying with Federal and State Regulations and Guidelines.

Educators are required to provide a balance of indoor and outdoor activities. They are encouraged to recognise the importance of physical play for young children and as such they need the physical ability to assist children to climb, run, jump, to catch, throw and kick balls etc.

Caring for young children is rewarding but can be emotionally demanding. The physical and mental health of the Educator must be considered in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of young children in their care.

Date of examination:.....

Educator's name:.....

Doctor's name and signature:.....

Educator's physical abilities	Yes	No	Doctor's comments
Educator has the ability to kneel or bend to interact with children at eye level			
Educator has the ability to sit on the floor and stand with little effort			
Educator can bend and lift (as they would need to when accessing nappy change tables or cots)			
Educator has back, hand and finger mobility required for placing small children into child restraints and buckling them in			
Educator can carry weights equivalent to babies and toddlers (allowing them to cuddle and nurture young children when needed)			
<i>Are drugs or medications taken by the Educator for either medical or recreational purposes that would affect their ability to care for young children?</i>			
Educator demonstrates quick responses and agility needed for dealing with emergencies			
Eyesight is adequate for an Educator's role			
Hearing is adequate for an Educator's role			
Are there any other health issues that would affect the Educator's ability to provide high quality care?			