

ABOUT FAMILY DAY CARE - POLICIES

POLICY

Parents have a right to know the policies and practices operating in Family Day Care so that they may make an informed decision as to the appropriateness of the care in relation to the needs of their child.

The availability of written policies and strategies to ensure the effective implementation of those policies is important for the following reasons:

- Access to written policies will ensure that Educators and Parents have consistent information regarding the expectations of the Scheme.
- Access to written policies will provide tangible evidence of intended practices. Where these practices are not maintained they provide an opportunity for the consumer to have some redress, as the Scheme did not meet the intended contract. Written policies also afford a protection for the Scheme in the case of a consumer having an expectation that was not met by the Scheme.

PROCEDURE

There must be a written statement and implementation plan in the following areas:

1. Aims of the Family Day Care Scheme and a statement of the program philosophy.
2. Parent participation
3. Individual developmental needs of children.
4. Cultural relevance.
5. Child self reliance and self esteem.
6. Children with disability.
7. Gender equity.
8. Excursions.
9. Reporting of child abuse