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Vacancies now at Gin Gin Family Day Care

Gin Gin Family Day Care is a home based child care service providing monitored quality child care in a safe, warm and creative family environment in the homes of approved educators.

The family day care scheme currently supports families living in Gin Gin and surrounding districts including Sharon, South Kolan, Delan and Wallaville.

Service Manager Donna Poole said now that many children were moving on from the family day care program, spaces had become vacant for more children and families to take up the service.

"Many of our children are moving on from Gin Gin Family Day Care, and some are starting prep soon, so therefore we have a few places in various locations that are available," Ms Poole said.

"We have also just taken on a new educator, and another one will be joining us at the end of the month in Avondale, which will provide more places.

"We will continue to grow our program with experienced staff who are all qualified educators and offer excellent, home based education. The majority of our educators have their Diploma in Children's Services."

The hours of care are flexible and are responsive to each family's needs. Care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for children from birth to 12 years. The Child Care Benefit is available for eligible families.

Educators are self employed but are contracted to the family day care scheme. The scheme provides full support from qualified staff and ongoing training.

"Becoming a family day care educator is incredibly rewarding," Ms Pool said.

"Educators only look after a small number of children at any time and are able to develop real bonds with them. The hours are flexible and educators are based in their own home."

Educators are required to be studying towards early childhood qualifications and must have a senior first aid certificate and suitability card for working with children.

Gin Gin Family Day Care is an accredited scheme with a well resourced toy library. They hold regular play sessions which give children an opportunity to socialise with others and provide networking opportunities for educators.

Gin Gin Family Day Care is a community based scheme operated by Churches of Christ Care, a large not-for-profit organisation active in the areas of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care.

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For more information about becoming a carer or enrolling your child, please phone 4157 3776 or 0448 632 528.

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Gin Gin Family Day Care offers home based child care services from experienced home educators who provide quality, monitored child care.

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Care is one of Queensland's leading providers of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care services. We are a not-for-profit organisation that supports more than 22,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas.

We operate 137 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 2,300 staff and over 600 volunteers.

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