

Maryborough and Wide Bay child care options varied

About Churches of Christ Care Early Childhood Services

Churches of Christ Care is one of Queensland's leading providers of high quality, accredited child care services.

Churches of Christ Care operates over 20 early childhood services and more than 200 family-based and in home-based educators across the state.

Churches of Christ Care provides high quality care to children from birth to 16 years.

Churches of Christ Care operates a range of child care services in Maryborough – Family Day Care, In Home Child Care and a Family Support Service.

What is family day care?

Family Day Care Maryborough is a home-based child care service providing monitored care within a family environment in the approved homes of registered educators. Parents, educators and coordinators work together to provide quality child care and parents are able to choose the educator who best suits their needs and the needs of their child.

Child care is provided in the homes of registered educators in Maryborough and surrounding areas.

The educators are engaged to look after up to four children under school age and three school aged children.

Hours of care

The hours of care are flexible and can be matched to your family's needs. The type of care provided includes:

- full-time care
- part-time care
- casual care
- care for children of shift workers
- before/after school care
- vacation care
- weekend and overnight care
- emergency 24-hour care.

What is in-home child care?

In-Home Child Care Wide Bay is a not-for-profit, community-based service providing professional, flexible child care in the family home to families whose care needs cannot be met by mainstream services.

It is funded by the federal government and families are eligible to apply for the Child Care Benefit.

The In-Home Child Care Wide Bay service provides care for children in their own home by approved educators. This enables children to experience stability and security in their familiar family environment. Care is available for children from 0 to 16 years of age.

Hours of care

Educators from the In-Home Child Care Wide Bay service are assessed by staff, and eligible parents are able to choose the educator who best suits both their child's and their own needs. The hours of care are flexible and can be matched to a family's needs.

Places can be accessed throughout Queensland. Clients in rural and remote areas may access our in-home care places through a brokerage arrangement managed by Maryborough.

Maryborough Family Support Service is a not-for-profit, community based parent support and education service. It is funded by the Office of Early Childhood, Education and Care and is aimed at parents with children from 0-16 years of age, who are experiencing parenting issues. The Family Support Service assists parents to develop effective parenting skills to create positive and rewarding family relationships.

Support available

Maryborough Family Support Service provides practical support, information and education to parents wishing to develop and enhance a broad range of parenting skills. For example: issues relating to day to day parenting; behaviour management; communication and time management; establishing routines; nutrition and hygiene; and budgeting.

Services available to parents are:

- home visits or appointment at the Family Support Service
- phone or email contact
- resources such as DVDs, books and information sheets
- parent discussion group – play session
- parenting education
- referral to other services.

To access Maryborough Family Support Service at least one child in the family needs to be eligible to use an approved child care service. However, the child does not need to be actually using child care. Access to the family support officer is free of charge.

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About Churches of Christ Care

Established in 1930, today Churches of Christ Care is one of the largest, most diverse not-for-profit organisations in Australia.

Churches of Christ Care, a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland and working with Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas, provides a range of care services to vulnerable persons at different stages of their life journey.

Churches of Christ Care is active in the areas of early childhood services, child protection, community and affordable housing, retirement living, community aged care, and residential aged care. We operate more than 144 services throughout Queensland and Melbourne, Victoria with the support of more than 3,100 staff and over 750 volunteers.

Services provided by Churches of Christ Care are funded by a mix of government subsidies, grants, fees and charges for our services such as early childhood services and residential aged care, and through fundraising activities.

Our services are offered to all those in need regardless of religious background. Churches of Christ Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.