

Helping in the Creche as your Workgroup

Fun with outdoor waterplay, quiet time in the library corner, taking on a puzzle challenge, art and craft activities or making friends at the train table or while playing with the dolls' house – all part of the wonderful experience our precious Learning Centre children enjoy in the wonderful creche we have on site.

Our superb Creche paid staff, Debra and the other qualified childcare leaders do an exceptional job in keeping the creche running smoothly with the assistance of creche volunteer helpers (grandparents, parents and other Learning Centre members). Would you like to be part of this scene? Then choose the Creche Roster as your workgroup and you can share in the children's enjoyment.

Creche volunteer helpers do not change children's nappies or assist the older children with toileting. These tasks are carried out by the paid creche staff.

Unless you have a child in the creche, we do require persons in this Work Group to hold a Working with Children Check card (WWCC). If you do not have one, or your card needs renewal, we have some application forms for you at the reception desk (or you can pick up one from a Post Office).

Read the Information Section, then fill out Parts 1,2,3 and 4 of the form (this should be easy). Leave the form at Reception for Bridget, one of our dedicated Co-ordinators, to fill in Parts 5 and 6 for you.

Then you can sign the form (just the first blank box) and take it to a participating Post Office (such as Kalamunda) to present your 100 points of ID and have your photo taken. There is a fee of \$11.00 for volunteers to lodge an application – this will be refunded by the Learning Centre when you bring back your receipt.

This receipt is important. In most cases it is sufficient to use this evidence that you have an application in progress to be allowed to start volunteering in the creche. The Information Section of the application form and associated website have more details. You could be ready to enrol in this workgroup in super quick time.

So, please consider this rewarding and stimulating workgroup opportunity – and if it seems right for you, get cracking on your WWCC!

Katherine Horne (Creche Workgroup Leader).