

Submission: Childcare and Early Childhood learning

Ratio of children to educator in family day care.

I am diploma trained and have been a Family Day Care educator for about 12 years.

I would like to see the ratio adjusted to suit the experience and qualifications of the educators from 4 children under 1 educator to 5 children under educator and keeping with the current regulations of the carers own school age children not being included in their numbers. Child care centres have a higher ratio once the children are of toddler age. Changing this ratio and accessing educators who would like to be approved for the extra child would give educators more incentive to continue training and the chance to earn a little more without increasing fees or turning away from the accredited system and going out on their own becoming private.