



## QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy

### *Fact Sheet for Parents*

C&K is excited to inform you that the Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has a great initiative under the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) that provides eligible families with the opportunity to access a Kindergarten program at a reduced out-of-pocket expense.

Families, including foster carers, of eligible aged children who meet the criteria and provide acceptable proof of birth to their kindergarten service may be entitled to receive QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy (formally Health Care Card Subsidy).

The subsidy is provided directly to the services to reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- ✓ A family identifies as being Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander, (or have a child who does) and this is recorded in the signed C&K enrolment booklet, along with their Customer Reference Number (provided by Centrelink) or
- ✓ The child is one in a set of multiple birth children (three or higher) enrolled in the same year and service, with proof of birth or
- ✓ Hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession Card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements.
- ✓ The child is of eligible age with proof of birth provided to the service to support this. Children must be 4 years of age by 31 July in the year they are enrolled in the kindergarten program or have been approved for delayed entry /exit into the Kindergarten Program (if older).
  - 2015 (child born 1 July 2010 – 31 July 2011)
  - 2016 (child born 1 July 2011 – 31 July 2012)
  - 2017 (child born 1 July 2012 – 31 July 2013)
  - 2018 (child born 1 July 2013 – 31 July 2014)
  - 2019 (child born 1 July 2014 – 31 July 2015)
  - 2020 (child born 1 July 2015 – 31 July 2016)
- ✓ The family is not accessing QKFS Plus Kindy Support funding at another Approved Registered Kindergarten Service this includes attending a Kindergarten program within an Approved Childcare Service.
- ✓ The child is enrolled in the Kindergarten Program for a minimum of 2 days per week (that is, attending 15hrs per week).

### **Important points to note:**

If your child is attending another kindergarten program (whether within a long day care or kindergarten service) and that kindergarten program is claiming the funding for your child you will not be able to claim the funding at this service. It is your responsibility to advise the service Director if your child is enrolled in another kindergarten program.

If you require more information please contact your service Director or access the Office for Early childhood Education and Care website for more information - <http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/pdfs/qkfs-plus-kindy-support.pdf>