



Early Years Groups

Northern Midlands.

After identifying gaps in the distribution of services for families with young children across the whole of Northern Midlands, the Early Years Group has concentrated on compiling a comprehensive list of the programs and services that are available across the region with a view to printing and distributing to the community.

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Meander Valley

Following a planning session earlier this year the Early Years Group has commenced its "Building Relationships" Project. The aim of the project is for service providers to collaborate on extending supports to families across the community through regular visits and events to schools and child care centres in the area. They have printed a "parent info card"; provide information packs, afternoon tea and entertainment. This is part of a strategy to inform harder to reach parents of supports that are available and to provide a "face" to services in the region.

Please feel free to contact libby.beyerle@dhhs.tas.gov.au if you would like more details

Child and Family Centres

Ravenswood

Excitingly, building at the Ravenswood Child and Family Centre is just about complete with the latest handover date of the 30th September for the interior finish. Landscaping should be complete by the end of October. The Child and family Centre is one of the biggest funding investments by the State Government to Ravenswood.

The Centre will provide, among other things:

- Child care with places for 45,
- Launching into Learning Programs (to run from 2012)

- CHAPs nurse
- Anglicare
- St Giles
- Ravenswood Neighbourhood House 0-5 program
- Smith Family “On Our Patch” program

Additionally Judy Terry (Centre Leader) and Natalie Hay (Community Liaison) are keen to start a volunteer program with the aim to upskill participants to be work ready.

The grand opening is scheduled for early 2012. Contact details: judy.terry@education.tas.gov.au

Beaconsfield

Beaconsfield Child and Family Centre has been opened for business since January 2011 being the first of the Child and Family Centres to open around the State. Our Centre offers access to a range of services and programs in a welcoming and safe environment such as:

- Playgroups
- Launching into Learning programs
- Beaconsfield Early Learning and Child Care Service – long day; before and after school and vacation care
- CHAPS Nurse
- Visiting services such as St. Giles and Newpin
- Visiting Psychologist

Our Centre works closely with Beaconsfield Primary School; Beaconsfield House; Beaconsfield Early Learning and Child Care Service; Beaconsfield District Health Service; Tasmanian Polytechnic; UTAS and others to provide support and services that are accessible and connected.

A sample of some of the programs offered so far this year are:

- Certificate II in Access to Work and Training
- Barista Course
- Various parenting programs
- Cooking courses
- Portfolio development
- Pamper Day
- Beacy Baby Bazaar
- Café mornings
- Wide range of opportunities for volunteering including skill development

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact Sirppa Khan (Centre Leader) or Heather Green (Community Liaison Worker) on 63 83 1742.