

1. A partnership between a preschool and a family day care service

Flexible Initiatives Trial – Stream 2 scenarios

Community need

Demand for extended education and care options for families needing care beyond traditional hours is identified by Kidz Kraft Community Preschool and Bright Poppies Family Day Care in the local community through family surveys and community requests.



The proposal

The preschool and family day care service come together to offer an innovative solution under the Flexible Initiatives Trial: to transport children between the 2 services and deliver a blended education and care experience.

The plan

The plan includes recruiting new educators and administrative staff; hiring a minibus, a driver and a supervisor; undertaking some research and resolving any legal and regulatory requirements; an investment in training; and a subsidy component.

The budget

Item	Trial cost
Staff 1 x full-time diploma educator for 4 hours a day (ongoing cost)	\$107,120
Admin 2 x 0.25 x full-time equivalent of a director per day as backfill (temporary cost)	\$40,560
Subsidy 4 hrs/day for 2 days, assuming 5% of total children using the extended hours (one-off cost)	\$720
Training Upskilling of staff – 1 x full-time equivalent of a director as backfill for 1 week (temp cost)	\$4,680
Research / legal / regulations One-time cost	\$15,000
Transport Hire minibus + driver for 2 hours per day at \$90 per hour (ongoing cost) 1 x additional supervisor @ 1 x full-time diploma educator for 2 hours per day (ongoing cost)	\$62,400 \$22,880
Total cost	\$253,360

Grant application

The Kidz Kraft and Bright Poppies team submits a grant application with the above information. The application is assessed and is successful. They sign a funding agreement.

Implementation

The new partnership enhances operations and optimises the early education and care experience for children and families. Communication and collaboration are key to offering families choice and control in their ECEC experience.

The partner services work together to capture data about children's progress and feedback from families, to record the outcomes of the blended service model. This data-driven approach ensures continuous improvement and better decision-making.

Outcomes

The Kidz Kraft and Bright Poppies partnership efforts create an environment where extended hours of education and care are provided.



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