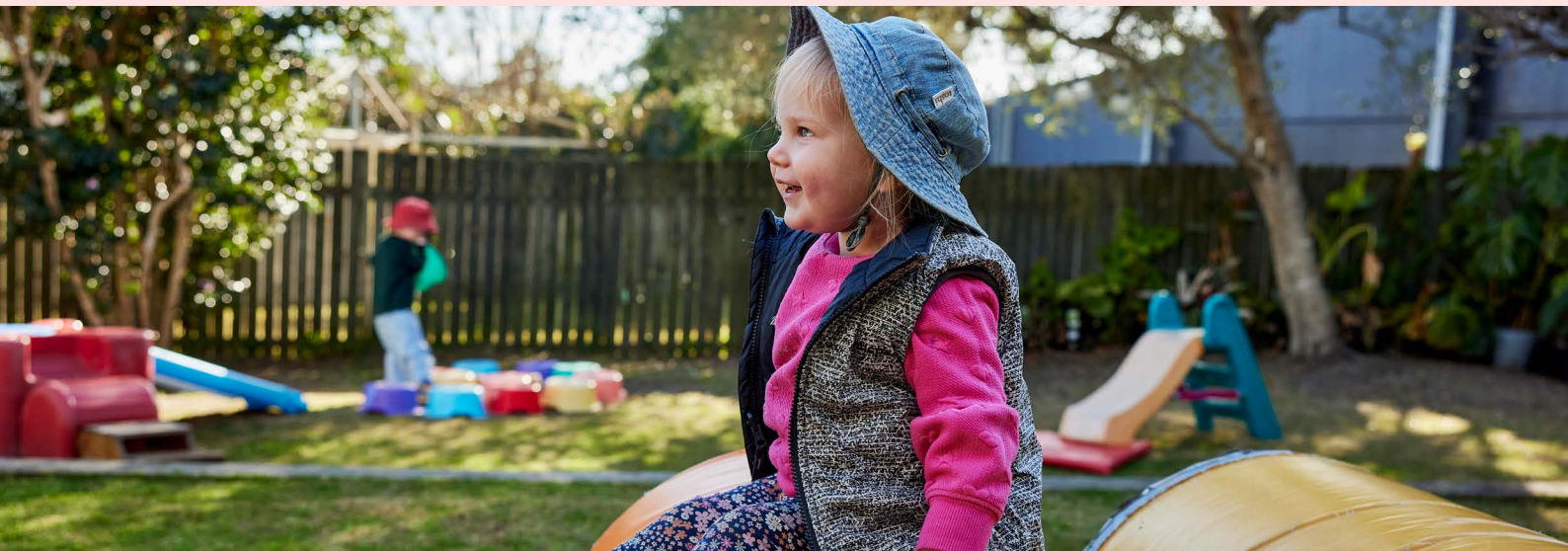


1. A partnership between a preschool and a family day care service

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Community need

Demand in the local community for extended education and care options for families that need care beyond traditional hours is identified by Bright Poppies Family Day Care (FDC) through family surveys and community requests. Bright Poppies FDC approaches the local Kidz Kraft Community Preschool to propose a partnership to provide a wrap-around approach that will meet the need.



The proposal

The family day care service and the preschool come together to offer an innovative solution under the FIT: to transport children between the 2 services and deliver a blended education and care experience. Bright Poppies FDC is the main applicant as they are the service that is responsible for the education and care for the children outside of their core ECEC location and hours. They will receive the funding and will need to demonstrate the consent of Kidz Kraft Community Preschool in their application.

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 fee subsidy component to ensure families can access the proposal.

The budget

Item	Trial cost *GST excl
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
Fee 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 (temporary 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)	\$62,400
1 x additional supervisor @ 1 x full-time diploma educator for 2 hours per day (ongoing cost)	\$22,880
Total cost (excluding GST)	\$253,360

Grant application

The Bright Poppies FDC team submits a grant application with the above information, including evidence of their partnership with Kidz Kraft. The application is assessed and is successful. Bright Poppies signs 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 Bright Poppies and Kidz Kraft partnership efforts create an environment where extended hours of education and wrap-around care are provided.



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