

## **FAMILIES for Affordable Access to quality early learning programs**

- ✓ Children deserve access to the best possible early learning opportunities during their most vital years prior to commencing school.
- ✓ We believe that the Federal Government must ensure that early learning programs are accessible and affordable to **all** children. We believe that a quality environment is vital to our children.
- ✓ We believe that children learn through play.
- ✓ We believe that this is the right of all children, regardless of where they live or their socio-economic backgrounds.
- ✓ We believe families should not be priced out of early learning programs because of proposed reforms to staffing ratios.
- ✓ We believe your child care benefit funding (CCB) and child care rebate needs to be increased so parents are not penalised financially.



**We support the Government's motives but we fear the Government is not factoring in the true costs of its proposed National Quality Agenda Reforms ([www.coag.gov.au](http://www.coag.gov.au))**

**Your fees will substantially increase by \$13 - \$20 per child per day in long day care services across Australia.**

These increases will cause families to:

- ✓ experience financial hardship
- ✓ leave work as they are priced out of child care and must stay home to care for their child
- ✓ place children in potentially unsafe and unreliable backyard care and lock your child out of the Prime Minister's pledge of 15 hours of a pre school program to ensure school readiness
- ✓ watch their child struggle in the first years of school as they compete against children from higher income families who have experienced several days each week in an early learning setting

**Please help us to keep your child's early learning care and education affordable and high quality.  
Please ensure we can maintain this centre and its quality staff.**

**Please fill out the Parent Survey on [www.childcareqld.org.au](http://www.childcareqld.org.au) so we can show the Federal Government that their proposed reforms will have an impact and the concerns of families must be heeded.**

**If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact your centre Director.**

**The Childcare Alliance Australia will continue to support families and children to ensure they receive a quality childhood education.**