

# A CAREER SHAPING LITTLE LIVES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
AND CARE INDUSTRY INSIGHTS



**JOB-FOCUSED  
TRAINING**



**INDUSTRY  
ENDORSED**



**FLEXIBLE  
DELIVERY**

**MAKE  
GREAT  
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# INTRODUCTION TO THE INDUSTRY.

A career in the childcare industry will help you ensure that children have a fun, safe and supportive environment to learn and grow.

Childcare workers not only support children, but their services enable parents and guardians to work and study. The childcare sector is a stable industry, with statistics showing that around 1.6 million children aged 12 and under are expected to attend childcare services during 2016-17<sup>i</sup>. The childcare sector is undergoing growth in terms of employment and new childcare facilities opening. When it comes to jobs, numbers are expected to rise by 3.3% every year over the five years through 2021-22<sup>i</sup>.

TAFE Queensland has qualifications that will equip you with the necessary skills to work in the childcare services industry.

## TOP 5 INDUSTRY TRENDS



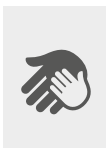
### **GROWTH IN CHILDCARE INDUSTRY**

Industry revenue for the childcare services sector is expected to grow by 5.8% annually to reach \$16.4 billion by 2021-22<sup>i</sup>. There are more than 10,000 childcare centres in Australia and strong annual growth is expected in the coming years<sup>i</sup>.



### **DEMAND FOR A FLEXIBLE CHILDCARE INDUSTRY**

There is a growing demand for the childcare industry to meet the needs of working families. Statistics show that an increasing number of parents who work part-time or are shift workers are relying on childcare services<sup>i</sup>.



### **CARING FOR ALL ABILITIES**

These days facilities are looking to offer targeted services, which will support children who may have a disability, communication difficulties and/or behavioural problems<sup>ii</sup>.



### **POLICY REFORM AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

The childcare services industry is constantly evolving to adhere to policy changes and reforms to observe best practice. Childcare facilities are evaluated and rated against National Quality Standards<sup>i</sup>.



### **INCLUSIVE AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES**

Australia is a multi-cultural society; childcare services understand the need to be respectful of different cultural and social beliefs, to ensure that families feel accepted and welcomed<sup>ii</sup>.

<sup>i</sup> Richardson, A., 2016. *IBISWorld Industry Report Q8710 Child Care Services in Australia*, Melbourne: IBISWorld Pty Ltd.

<sup>ii</sup> Queensland Government Department of Education, Training and Employment, 2013. *A framework for integrated early childhood development*, Brisbane: Queensland Government Department of Education, Training and Employment.

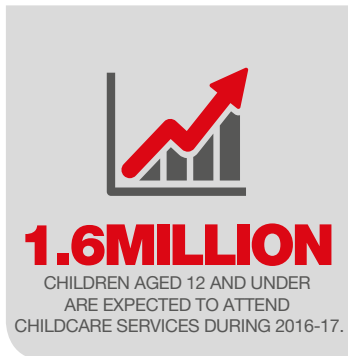
## JOB SATISFACTION, SALARY & KEY BENEFITS

Working in childcare is a great way to make a positive impact on the lives of children and their families. The average salary for someone working in the industry ranges anywhere between \$35,000 - \$76,000 per annum.

As most centres operate Monday-Friday and closed on weekends, childcare workers can enjoy a great work-life balance with flexible work arrangements and part-time and full-time opportunities available. You may be able to live anywhere you want to, as there are childcare career options Australia-wide.

Better still, there are growing career opportunities within the childcare industry with the number of jobs expected to rise by 3.3% annually over the next five years.

### A STABLE INDUSTRY



### IN DEMAND



### WAGES



## MAKE GREAT HAPPEN

TAFE Queensland has the credentials to help you launch a career in the childcare industry or improve your current skill set for a promotion. It's important to us that our students graduate work-ready. We are well-known for providing industry-relevant and hands-on training and our passionate teachers are ready to share their knowledge. Enrol today if you want to advocate for the next generation, nurture them and provide them with the early education they need to succeed.

**Let us help you Make Great Happen in the childcare industry.**



“Children make your  
life important.”

Erma Bombeck  
*Author and columnist*



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