

# Save Early Childhood Teachers in New South Wales

**There is a possibility that employing a university trained early childhood teacher will not remain a requirement in the Children's Services Regulations.**

**We call on all supporters of quality early childhood programs to take action now before it's too late**

## What is the issue?

Following the recent review of the N.S.W Children's Services Regulations, there is pressure from parts of the sector to eliminate the requirement that services employ a university trained early childhood teacher.

Research internationally has shown that the employment of a university trained teacher is a vital component of quality early childhood programs. Quality programs provided by early childhood teachers form the foundation for children's lifelong learning.

## What is the likelihood of losing this battle?

NSW is one of the remaining states which mandates that a university trained early childhood teacher be employed in services which are licensed for over 29 children. Let's not follow other states by not regulating that university trained teachers be employed within children's services.

## What can you do?

### **Action 1:**

A petition is currently being circulated and we hope to raise thousands of signatures to forward to the Minister of Community Services the Hon. Carmel Tebbutt MLC.

We are calling upon the NSW Government to:

- Maintain the requirement in the new children's services regulations that providers of children's services continue to employ university trained early childhood teachers.
- Recognise that university trained early childhood teachers are essential in delivering quality early childhood curriculums, programs and services to the community

### **Action 2:**

Personally write to the Minister asking her to support the ongoing requirement that a university trained early childhood teacher be employed within children's services

Her mailing address is The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt MLC Minister for Community Services

Level 25, 9 Castlereagh Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

### **Action 3:**

Keep a close eye for any other news about further lobbying or action required from supporters of teachers

### **Action 4:**

Get as many signatures on the attached petition as possible and forward to **c/o Social Justice in Early Childhood Group Po Box 202 Newtown 2042**. You can photocopy this as many times as you wish. It would be appreciated if this could be sent back by **Friday 17th September** at the latest. For further information contact **Anthony Semann on 0405 568 108 or [anthony@trainingconsultants.au.com](mailto:anthony@trainingconsultants.au.com)**

