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Recently added: Two documents have been added to the [careers](#) section of the website - A questionnaire - *Careers in Child Care and Early Learning*, and a *Response Guide* to the questionnaire. These documents are designed to support career advisors in preparing suitable job seekers for training and employment in the ECEC sector. The Questionnaire is to be completed by job seekers and requires the candidate to respond to a number of statements relating to: Essential traits for entry to the sector, employability skills and job-specific skills.

Services may like to consider using these resources as part of their own selection process when employing trainees. The resources have been developed by Myfuture, part of the Federal Department of Education.

Mentoring Australian Apprentices Program (MAAP) - Training opportunities

The following dates have been set aside for mentor training

Tuesday the 14th of October - Launceston 6:30pm. Venue TBC

Wednesday the 15th of October - Ulverstone 6:30pm. Venue TBC

Friday the 17th of October - Hobart 6:30pm. Venue TBC

Core Skills Development in Your Workplace - Manager's Workshop

A free workshop for Managers and Team Leaders on why the skills of, learning, reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy, as well as other essential skills are the key to workplace quality and productivity in the Education and Care Sector.

Hobart: 16th Sept 9.30-12.30

Launceston: 1st October 2-5

Burnie: 21st October 9.30-12.30

For more information or to R.S.V.P your attendance please email roger.skillsplantas@earlychildhood.org.au

Leading for excellence in under threes' programs – simple?

The *Outside Angle* series is written by Anne Stonehouse. Click [here](#) to read this great short article and to contribute to the online discussion.

Communicating with Families (CwF)

The CwF project welcomes the following services to the program, Gen Dhu Children's Services, Goodstart Kings Meadows, Devonport Community Child Care Inc. & Discovery Ulverstone. These services now join the Southern pilot services, and after completing an Organisation Plan will have access to an Adult Literacy Support Officer to work with all their educators on improving oral and written communication skills.

Grant Alert

Meander Valley Council – Community Grants – Closes 30 September

Tasmanian Community Fund – Closes 10 September

New ECA Branch Executive

President: Annette Barwick

Vice President: Jo Walsh

Treasurer: Ros Cornish

National Board Director: Kathryn Laing

Secretary: Alison Breheny

Public Officer: Jo Walsh

New ECA Committee Members

Kellie Watson

Sherylyn Brakey

Kim Jones

Hayley Davis

Dates to Remember

September

4 – 7 ECA National Conference

11 & 12 Career Awareness Program North

16 Core Skills Development in your Workplace Hobart w'shop

17 Round-table - The Grange, Campbell Town

17 & 18 Career Awareness Program North West

October

1 Core Skills Development in your Workplace Launceston w'shop

14 MAAP Launceston Workshop

15 MAAP Ulverstone Workshop

17 MAAP Hobart Workshop

21 Core Skills Development in your workplace Burnie w'shop

TBA Training & Assessment Guide Implementation Workshops

November

19 ECA Statewide - Hobart

Cheers

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