

History of CAWA

The Child Care Association of WA was formed in 1972, and was responsible for lobbying the Federal Government to provide funds training for Child Care workers. The first training that was initiated was the Child Care Certificate (CCC) which was followed by the entry level training the Introduction to Child Care. The Association has been involved in quality issues, training, the development of programmes, updating regulations and Industrial relations. Regulations were formulated with industry & Government collaboration, with Western Australia being the first state to have legislated Child Care Regulations. The first Industrial Award for child care workers was developed in WA by the private child care industry. The emphasis has always been on developing quality services and keeping members up to date with Industry knowledge and assistance.

Our Philosophy:

Members of the Association believe:-

- All children deserve a safe and secure environment that challenges and stimulates and offers time for discovery and reflection and collaboration.
- Parents have the right to feel confident that their children are being cared for in a safe and proactive environment that caters for individuality and different cultural backgrounds.
- Staff have the right to work in a centre of excellence which are committed to improving the conditions and public perception of child care workers and the industry.
- The community has the right to information and education about the benefits of quality child care for WA children.
- It is our right to have a voice in the future direction of our industry.

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CHILDCARE ASSOCIATION OF WA INC (CAWA)



**Representing Child Care
Owners In WA**



Childcare Association of WA Inc

The Childcare Association of WA (CAWA) is the peak private long day care childcare association in Western Australia.

CAWA also has a large amount of community based centre members and OSHC services.

CAWA is a not for profit, member funded association, managed by a dedicated, proactive and voluntary committee.

CAWA plays an important role in all aspects of the childcare industry and our strength comes from member support.

From as little as \$27.09 a month you will not only receive constant and up to date information on all areas of the industry, you will receive free registration into all CAWA events, receive support from our Executive Officer, discounts from suppliers and State & National registration discounts along with many other benefits (*see member benefits*)

CAWA is a member of Childcare Associations Australia (CAA) who is our National voice. We have dedicated voluntary committee members who attend National meetings to voice and raise issues directly affecting WA. For WA to have an even bigger voice with our National body more members are required. This is such a critical time in the industry we need to show the Federal Government that we are strong and vocal.

Your membership along with other sponsors enables CAWA to attend National meetings on your behalf, lease and run an office with a dedicated Executive Officer, lobby Government, execute and run Forums/Sessions relevant to the industry including fabulous speakers such as Maggie Dent!

These are just some of the running cost that assist CAWA in ensuring that the industry's interests, and members interests are represented in an effective manner.

CAWA seeks your membership to continue playing a vital role in ensuring that all WA children and families have access to affordable and high quality care.

Just some of the ways CAWA has supported their members in 2009/2010:

- An Active role in ensuring even more costs were not passed on with the Award Modernisation
- Active with COAG;
 - Responding to the RIS on a State level
 - Working alongside CAA on a Federal level
- Lobbying Ministers & Government Departments
- Consulting with WA ISA's;
 - ISS Funding
- Regular updates to members on industry issues
- Forum on the rising costs of providing quality childcare
- Informative information session on the new Children's Service Award
- Practical session on implementing the EYLF into your centre with Maggie Dent
- CAWA representation at National meetings ensuring WA concerns were addressed
- Active participation in the Senate Enquiry into Childcare
- Raising awareness and holding meetings with both DEEWR and Minister Kate Ellis in regards to CCB and CCR
- Consulting and attending meetings with Ministers and WA Government Departments on industry issues with the new National Framework/Reforms (*Ongoing*)
- Put in a submission on the costs that WA childcare centres face with the proposed Paid Maternity Leave
- CAWA committee members sitting on relevant industry boards
- Supplied Industry newsletters to all WA centres
- New quarterly magazine to members

Benefits of CAWA Membership

As a member you will have access to a wide range of benefits including:

- Access to membership discounts on goods/services
- Current, accurate information on regulations/legislation
- Website Centre advertising
- Access to advice/helpline
- State and National conference registration discount
- Early childhood conference information
- Free advertising for staff on the CAWA website
- Direct links to appropriate forms
- Great new Website with member only access to a variety of products & information
- Free registration to CAWA Forums & Conferences
- Membership pack
- Quarterly Magazine/Newsletter
- Member E-Newsletters
- State & Federal industry news & updates

Membership July 1st 2010-June 30th 2011, all fees include GST

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| Ordinary Member (Private Licensee) | \$325.00 |
| Associate Member (Community based) | \$325.00 |
| Additional Centre's | \$55.00 |
| Supplier / Sponsor Member | \$250.00 |

Join CAWA today and have a voice in our industry

**Download a membership application form at
www.childcarewa.com**