MINISTER FOR BUSINESS

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE CHILDCARE CENTRES

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Hard-working mums and dads will benefit from a program to strengthen Territorian community childcare centre capabilities to function as viable, independent businesses.

The Country Liberals Government has committed funding for the Community Based Childcare Support Program to continue in 2013-14.

The program has been funded $260,000 in Budget 2013. This includes a $135,000 grant pool for the centres.

Minister for Business David Tollner said the business community would fall apart without childcare facilities which make an important contribution to a healthy economy.

"Mums, dads and carers who work in business need a reliable place to be able to drop off their kids knowing that they'll be well-looked after for the day and so they can focus on running their business," Mr Tollner said.

"This program assists Territory-wide community childcare centres to develop their management, governance and planning skills through specialist training and the use of modern technology so they can operate more capably."

There are 22 community-based childcare centres located across the Territory including Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy and Yulara that will benefit from this program.

The Country Liberals are committed to building the Territory economy and providing the best opportunities for businesses to thrive.

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