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Child Care and Child Development

A CLP Government will introduce new measures to protect and improve the Territory lifestyle and increase promotion of the Territory as the most desirable location in Australia to live, work and retire.

We will focus on making the Territory an attractive place for families to live and work. A CLP government is committed to providing the best available resources for our families.

Additional Funding of $3.7 million

We will introduce a package of measures for the development and care of our Youngest Territorians

We will fund research into the first five years of a Territory child’s life and adopt initiatives which will provide additional support to help provide a satisfactory lifestyle and sound preparatory education standards.

The first five years of a child’s life are the basis for the child’s future and the Country Liberal Party will provide $100,000 for this initiative.

We will provide support for working parents by implementing an upgraded and affordable day-care program.

Mothers who want to return to the workforce quickly after giving birth will be given every assistance to so. Long day care programs for 0 to 3 year olds will be given extra government assistance to enable these mothers to return to work quickly.

The current child care staff ratio of 2 carers to 10 children places an unfair burden on child care centres who ultimately have to raise their fees or reduce the number of spots available.

The Country Liberal Party will initially fund an extra 100 places to overcome this problem through an additional $500,000 being committed.

We will expand holiday and after school care programs across the Territory.

These programs help and enable families to juggle the busy schedule of work and family life in a safe and secure environment. The Country Liberal party will provide an extra $3.03 million to expand these programs.
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Scholarships for Child Care Workers to Upgrade their Qualifications

A CLP government will provide scholarships to child care workers seeking to upgrade their qualifications to the Diploma of Community Services: Children’s Services.

Each year, 30 scholarships will be offered to Territory students who already possess a Certificate Three in Community Services: Childcare and are enrolled in the Diploma of Community Services: Children’s Services.

The scholarships will be up to the value of $3,000 each, and provided to people who have worked for at least 12 months as a child care worker in the Northern Territory. The total cost will be $90,000.

This scholarship program will increase the skills of Territorians already working in the child care industry and will help to retain them here longer. The benefactors of this program will be child care workers, child care centres, the children and their parents.