

Coaching Support

for
School Readiness Funding



- ✓ *Are you looking for Coaching support as part of your planning for the School Readiness Funding?*
- ✓ *Do you want to support educators to develop practice and build their capabilities to respond to your context?*
- ✓ *Are you seeking to design targeted support that enhances practice to respond to the needs and interests of children and their families?*

Hydon Consulting can provide professional mentoring and coaching opportunities to enhance educators practice and build capacity.

An experienced coach works alongside educators to identify practice challenges, observe practice, and through reflection plan action that aims to improve curriculum planning, pedagogical strategies and assessment techniques, as well as working with families and other aspects of practice in alignment with the VEYLDF.

Coaching support is offered in a range of ways:

Observation of practice
- educators engaging
with children and
families

Supportive coaching
sessions for planning,
feedback and goal-
setting

Individual and group
reflection meetings
(face to face or online)

Facilitation of
professional learning
series to support
coaches in the art of
effective pedagogical
mediation.

Coaching packages are individually designed using a combination of these strategies.

Costs:

Individual Coaching: \$250.00 per hour plus GST (plus travel for services located more than 100km from Melbourne CBD)

Professional Learning programs to develop coaching skills: costs provided on application

For more information and further details about what might work for you, please contact Catharine at catharine@hydonconsulting.com or call 0409 55 44 50



Profile and Experience

Catharine Hydon is the Director and Principal Consultant at Hydon Consulting. Over the last 10 years she has worked at a range of organisations and governments to understand and articulate quality and inspire change. With a Masters in early childhood education, Catharine has extensive experience in the early childhood sector beginning as a teacher in a kindergarten program in the northern suburbs of Melbourne to lead roles in a range of services and projects for children and their families.

Catharine draws on her experience and ongoing practice research to consider how theory connects and informs practice. Specialising in early childhood practice and pedagogy, quality improvement, policy and governance, the delivery of integrated services to engage vulnerable children and their families.

Catharine's involvement in the early childhood sector is an important part of her commitment to the outcomes for children. Catharine has recently joined the Reggio Emilia Information Exchange Committee and as a long-time member of Early Childhood Australia (ECA) is a regular contributor in ECA publications and completed 7 years as the Co-chair of the Reconciliation Advisory Group in 2020. Catharine is a Board Member of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority and the Early Years-10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee for the VCAA as well as a second-tier reviewer for ACECQA.

Catharine is a dynamic speaker and collaborative facilitator and is skilled at engaging professionals in reflective dialogue and creative coaching conversations.

Qualifications: Dip Teaching (Early Childhood); MEd (Early Childhood Education)

Experience

- Co-Design and Facilitation of the **Effective Mentoring Program** for the Department of Education and Training (2019 – 2021) www.education.vic.gov.au/Professional Practice
- Department of Education and Training Tailored support for government school council managed outside school hour's care (OSHC) Services in partnership (2019 – 2020) with Heather Barnes.
- Delivery of a Community of Practice Coaching Program with Gilda Howard:
 - Corangamite Shire Council (2019 – 2020)
 - Warnambool City Council (2020)
 - Northern Schools EYM (2020)
 - YMCA – 5 educational leaders (2020)
 - Yarriambiak - 5 educational leaders (2020)
 - YMCA – individual coaching support for three services (2021)
 - Nola Barber – individual coaching (2021)
 - Leslie Moorhead Kindegarten - individual coaching support (2021)
- Co-Authored a Research in practice Publication for ECA - Mentoring in early childhood education: A dynamic professional relationship [Shop: Early Childhood Australia](#)
- Facilitation of professional learning for lead educators in C&K focused on coaching and mentoring strategies (2019)



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