

**16 July 2010**

## **Stories Games and Learning**

NuSkills Learning and Development, in partnership with CIT Children's Services Department and the ACT Professional Support Coordinator, is delighted to present a free Family Day Care conference for all of the ACT region's Family Day Care providers and scheme staff on Saturday 17 July from 9.30 am in the Tuggeranong Community and Function Centre.

ACT Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services, Ms Joy Burch will launch the conference followed by Ms Rhonda Bignell, CEO of Family Day Care Australia who will be launching the Family Day Care Australia five year plan to the ACT. In this time, the family day care sector aims to further strengthen the service model to better respond to the needs of families and the community it serves, and to meet the challenges of a changing policy and regulatory environment.

The keynote speaker is Ms Mem Fox, world renowned children's picture book author with books such as *Possum Magic*, *Koala Lou* and *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* to her credit. Mem is a passionate advocate for early years learning and in particular, the importance of reading with children.

### **Key Conference Themes:**

- Protective behaviours
- Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
- Supporting Family Day Care providers
- Fun and games for children for children in Family Day Care

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### **Photo opportunities:**

Official Launch by Minister Joy Burch 9.30 am  
Launch of Family Day Care Australia five year plan to the ACT 9.45 am  
Keynote Speaker Mem Fox: 12.45 pm

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