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Kwinana children's services have a 'bright future'

The City of Kwinana's *Bright Futures* Children's Services has just become a finalist in the 2018 Excellence in Family Day Care Awards.

Bright Futures has been operating since 1988 and has grown to a membership of over 100 educators to date. The service won the 2015 Family Day Care WA Service of the Year Award and is rated as an exceeding service by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority.

"The City of Kwinana is proud to have Bright Futures operating within our town as it represents the highest quality in childcare education and support," said Mayor Carol Adams.

"Being recognised by Family Day Care Australia as the finalist for all of Western and South Australia is a huge but well-earned honour for the hardworking staff at the service."

Nominations for the awards were made by educators and families, with Bright Futures staff preparing a submission that highlighted the many ways they provide education and support.

"One of the centerpieces of the work coming out of Bright Futures is an indigenous playgroup called Moorditj Kulungar for local Kwinana and Rockingham Aboriginal families and their children," Mayor Adams said.

"This playgroup is a unique and special initiative that is only made possible through the hard work of Bright Futures staff."

Service Manager Andrea Harold said that staff felt privileged to be recognised once again for the quality education they provide, with fourteen of her educators nominated for Regional Educator of the Year.

"It gives us a fantastic feeling to know we are valued for what we do." Ms Harold said.

Two Bright Futures Children's Services educators have also been recognised through awards for providing quality family day care through professional practice, relationships, flexibility, autonomy and diversity and social support.

Winners will be announced at the Family Day Care Australia National Conference on 8 September 2018.

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Attached photo: Service Manager Andrea Harold (centre) with educators and children at the Bright Futures Family Day Care Service in Kwinana.