DIRECTORY
On Registered Childminding Services from PRASLIN & LA DIGUE
Introduction

Many countries are recognizing and placing strong emphasis on the importance of 0-3 years and childminding services. Seychelles is no exception and has made remarkable progress in this area. In 2014, the Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) was mandated through the IECD Act 2014, to regulate childminding service, grant registration and ensure compliance with standards. The registration of Childminders was initiated in 2016 following enactment of the IECD (National Standards on Childminding Regulation) 2016.

According to the IECD Act 2014, a 'Childminder is a person who takes care of four or more children of and below the age of four for a fee or remuneration'. The person provides a safe and caring environment where children can play and develop life skills, offers parents a greater choice of quality, flexible and affordable childcare and family support service.

This booklet presents childminding services being offered by nine registered Childminders on Praslin and La Digue. Its aim is to provide information on registered childminding establishments to parents, relevant authorities and services in the community, and the general public.
Mrs. Emilie Lesperance

BAIE STE ANNE, PRASLIN

Certificate in Basic Paediatric First Aid after completing the course offered by the Red Cross Society of Seychelles. Her childminding establishment has been approved by IECD to care for a maximum of 10 children. She employs an Assistant to help her with the children.

**Location:**
"Kan Per"

**Contact details:**
4232267 / 2611341

**Date of registration:**
She registered her service with IECD in November, 2016.

**Opening hours:**
6:00am to 5:00pm from Monday to Friday

**Services and activities being offered:**
Mrs. Lesperance’s childminding facility is equipped with a spacious outdoor play area, where children can be engaged in a diversity of educational activities.

Additionally, her service provides the children with healthy, balanced meals appropriate for the different age groups.

The Childminder conducts a variety of activities such as taking the children to the beach, engage in water games and for nature walks.

**Background:**
Mrs. Emilie Lesperance was officially the first Home-Based Childminder to be registered with the IECD, something she is very proud of. The mother of three boys has been caring for children in her home at Baie Ste Anne on Praslin for the past three years. Although she recognizes the challenges in caring for children, Mrs. Lesperance feels that it is important to have patience in everything one does and to be guided spiritually. In 2017, Mrs. Lesperance was awarded with a
Mrs. Lesperance’s childdminding facility is properly fenced to ensure children’s safety at all times as she conducts a variety of gross motor outdoor activities.
Ms. Sandra Lesperance

BAIE STE ANNE, PRASLIN

The facility has a variety of indoor and outdoor educational materials for different age groups. The Childminder and Assistant organise and lead various stimulating activities on a daily basis.

Location:
Moulinien Estate, Cote D’Or

Contact detail:
2554255

Date of registration:
Since December 2016, Ms. Lesperance’s childminding service has been formally registered with IECD.

Opening hours:
6:15am to 5:00pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
As part of her service, Ms. Lesperance provides the children with a range of well balanced meals. She believes that the provision of healthy, nutritious meals is essential for child development.

At Ms. Lesperance’s childminding service, the children are engaged in a number of outdoor activities. This includes taking children to the beach and on tours around the beautiful Praslin Island.

Background:
Ms. Sandra Lesperance has been offering a childminding service since 2010. Described as a family business, the Childminder provides the service for a maximum of 9 children aged between 3 months old until they are ready for Crèche, with the help of her partner as her Assistant.
The first registered childminding facility on Praslin to have a male figure as an Assistant. Both the Childminder and Assistant share equal responsibilities.
Ms. Sabrina Pointe
BAIE STE ANNE, PRASLIN

Background:
Ms. Sabrina Pointe has been minding children since 2013. For Ms. Pointe, childminding is a choice of work that started unexpectedly. After completing the secondary school and whilst looking for a job, she found herself working as a Childminder for a while. She then went in formal employment but when her employer decided to close down the business, she once again went back to caring for children. Despite the challenges that she encounters, it is her love for children that has encouraged her to persevere in this noble profession.

Location:
Baie Ste Anne

Contact details:
4232991 / 2505491

Date of registration:
She registered her service with the IECD in February, 2017

Opening hours:
6:00am to 5:30pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
She provides the service with the help of an Assistant for a maximum of 10 children. Ms. Pointe is certified in Basic Paediatric First Aid and she tries her best to ensure the safety of the children in her care. As part of her service, Ms. Pointe offers lunch. Children are encouraged to consume a variety of healthy foods and good nutrition practices are also promoted. Ms. Pointe and her Assistant ensure that the children are well supervised.

The Childminder and her Assistant occasionally take the children to the beach and conduct outdoor activities.
Ms. Pointe ensures that all essential records pertaining to her service are well maintained at all times. This provides her with updated information on each child in order to support them on a day-to-day basis as well as in cases of emergency.
Mrs. Livianne Farabeau
GRAND ANSE, PRASLIN

Background:
Since 2016, Mrs. Livianne Farabeau started a childminding service, located at Amitie, Praslin. It is her love and passion for children that have motivated her to start such a service in her community. Approved to mind a maximum of 10 children, Mrs. Farabeau provides her service in a designated facility separate from her house. The facility is equipped with a play area, sleeping rooms, a television as well as fire safety equipment.

The Childminder has been trained in Basic Paediatric First Aid since 2017 and her facility is equipped with a complete first aid kit. This will allow her to attend to any eventualities that may arise, whilst the children are in her care.

Location:
Amitie

Contact detail:
4233590

Date of registration:
She received her Certificate of Registration with the IECD in March, 2017

Opening hours:
6:30am to 5:00pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
The Childminder is concerned about good nutrition and she therefore provides the children with healthy mid-morning snacks and lunch on a daily basis.

To promote the gross motor development of the children, she takes them to the beach and also engage them in other outdoor activities.
Mrs. Farabeau provides healthy snacks and well balanced meals as well as a wide range of activities to enhance the children’s development.
Mrs. Odille Fremino

GRAND ANSE, PRASLIN

Background:
Located in the quiet vicinity of St Joseph, Praslin, is Mrs. Odille Fremino’s childminding establishment. Equipped with a Certificate in Basic Paediatric First Aid, Mrs. Fremino is prepared to attend to injuries or sudden sickness. The approved quota for her service is to care for a maximum of 10 children. Described as a calm person with a pleasant personality, Mrs. Fremino displays great love and affection for the children. She works in partnership with her mother who is her Assistant.

Location:
St Joseph

Contact details:
4233676 / 2771057

Date of registration:
Mrs. Fremino’s childminding establishment was certified by IECD in January, 2017

Opening hours:
6:30am to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
Mrs. Fremino’s service offers the children with nourishing meals everyday. The Childminder and her Assistant promote healthy eating habits as they prepare the children to go to school.

Her facility is equipped with outdoor educational toys. She conducts different age appropriate activities to expose the children to outdoor play, explore the environment and develop gross motor skills.
Mrs. Fremino has good rapport with all her parents and she encourages them to participate actively in their child’s development.
Background:
A proud mother of two children, Ms. Janine Lesperance has been providing childminding service for 24 years. Upon completion of secondary school, Ms. Lesperance, under the guidance and support of her parents, started her journey in the field of childcare. Indeed, it has not always been easy, but despite the challenges, she enjoys being in the children’s company. Ms. Lesperance’s childminding service, provides children with a variety of educational resources to promote their optimal development.

Location:
Grand Anse

Contact detail:
4233116

Date of registration:
The IECD registered Ms. Lesperance’s childminding service in April, 2018.

Opening hours:
7:00am to 5:00pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
The parents do not have to worry about the provision of lunch as she ensures that the children are provided with a variety of nutritious meals.

Apart from indoor educational activities, Ms. Lesperance also takes the children to a nearby playing field for outdoor activities.
The Childminder and her Assistant promote healthy practices, living values and learning amongst the children at all times.
Ms. Jeline Monnaie

LA DIGUE

Background:
Ms. Jeline Monnaie has been a Childminder for the past 3 years. She is committed and passionate about children’s development. Ms. Monnaie has a special interest in early learning. Her daily routine consists of an array of educational activities and children’s artworks can be seen displayed in the establishment. She is also equipped with a Certificate in Basic Paediatric First Aid. She minds an approved quota of 10 children in a purpose built facility with the help of an Assistant.

Location:
La Passe

Contact details:
4235002 / 2587879

Date of registration:
She registered her service with the IECD in March 2017.

Opening hours:
6:45am to 4:15pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
Ms. Monnaie provides appropriate nutritious meals and drinks for the children in suitable portions and textures according to their feeding abilities.

The Childminder believes that regular interactions with the environment have a positive effect on the children’s development. She takes them to the beach and makes use of the community facilities and programmes such as the Library, playing field and baby gym.
Ms. Monnaie works closely with her Assistant to provide children with an array of resources for their wholesome development and a strong head start for formal learning.
Background:
Ms. Martha Gresle has been offering a childminding service since 2013, in a quiet part of La Digue island among the nature and endemic vegetation of the island. The Childminder provides a range of activities for all age groups. She is trained by the Red Cross Society of Seychelles as a First Aider and she is prepared to attend to any emergency that may arise. She works in partnership with an Assistant as her childminding facility has been approved to care for a maximum of 10 children, including 2 babies below the age of 1 year old.

Location:
L’Union Estate

Contact detail:
2526689

Date of registration:
Ms. Martha Gresle received her Certificate of Registration in December 2016.

Opening hours:
7:00am to 4:00pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered:
Concerned about children’s nutrition, Ms. Gresle ensures that the children are provided with healthy lunches whilst in her care. A planned menu is affixed which shows the meals on offer at the service. Together with her Assistant, the Childminder promote appropriate table manners as well as the proper use of cutlery.

The children at the service are engaged in a number of activities. The Childminder and her Assistant take them to the beach and the baby gym programme.
The facility has a large outdoor area where the children can engage in a variety of fine and gross motor activities.
Mrs. Elisette Bibi

LA DIGUE

Background: Mrs. Elisette Bibi commenced a childminding service in 2010. She cares for children not just because she loves them, but she wanted to provide a service to the community of La Digue. She decided to help the parents who were in search of a person to care for their children. In 2017, Mrs. Bibi completed her training in Basic Paediatric First Aid and she now has the ability and knowledge to assist the children in the event of an emergency.

Location: Anse Reunion

Contact details: 4234722 / 2585740

Date of registration: Mrs. Bibi’s childminding service was officially registered with the IECD in March 2017.

Opening hours: 6:45am to 6:30pm from Monday to Friday

Services and activities being offered: Mrs. Bibi is passionate about cooking local foods. Therefore, the menu at her service consists of local, nutritious dishes which are served to the children.

When the children are not involved in indoor educational activities, Mrs. Bibi and her Assistant organize visits to the beach and baby gym programme.
The facility has an interior design that is attractive and child friendly. It is equipped with a variety of enriching resources to promote early learning and overall development.
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