



# DIRECTORY

Registered  
Childminding Services  
Central and East Region



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# 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 Childminders from Central and East Region on Mahe. Its aim is to provide information on registered childminding establishments to parents, relevant authorities and services in the community, and the general public.

# Mrs. Lita Antoine

## AU CAP



The best part of her work is to see children grow and learn in her service but it saddens her sometimes when parents do not take good care of their children. However, Mrs. Antoine is always open to communicate and share some of her experiences and advice with parents for the betterment of the children. Mrs. Antoine sees herself working as a Childminder for as long as her good health permits.

### **Location:**

Pointe Au Sel, Lower, in the district of Au Cap

### **Contact Details:**

2716385/4371098

### **Date of Registration:**

The Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) registered Mrs. Antoine's Childminding Service in March, 2017.

### **Opening Hours:**

06.00 am- 5.30 pm Monday to Friday

### **Services Offered**

Mrs. Antoine feels that to be able to engage in their daily activities children need to be healthy and fortified. Therefore, she makes provision for food for all the kids in her care including a healthy breakfast, mid-morning snacks and lunch.

### **Background:**

About 17 years ago, Mrs. Lita Antoine was a stay at home mum when she was approached by a parent who wanted her to take care of her child. She was hesitant but then accepted. With time she took in more children and she enjoyed her role as a Childminder. Mrs. Antoine finds that childminding is a learning experience for her, both from the children in her care and the formal training facilitated by the Institute of Early Childhood Development. She is supported by her husband as her assistant who is also a trained Childminder.





### Activities Offered

On top of this she ensures that their little minds and bodies are kept active by engaging them in educational activities be it indoors and outdoors and also visits to the playground or the nearby environment. Of course all parents are welcome to join the fun and also offer their support.



# Ms. Lizy Rapide

## AU CAP



### Background:

Ms. Lizy Rapide has been engaged in childminding since she was 15 years old. Childminding was not a difficult choice for her as her mother was also a Childminder. She finds that being a Childminder is a very demanding job but with love and patience for children it can also be very rewarding. She can be described as a quiet and reserved lady but with her kids she does all she can to stimulate positive responses and

development. Approved to care for up to 10 children, Ms. Lizy prefers to mind 5 children on her own including two babies aged below 12 months.

### Location:

Pointe Au Sel, Lower, in the district of Au Cap

### Contact Details:

4371652

### Date of Registration:

In March 2017 Ms. Rapide was formally certified as a registered Childminder

### Opening Hours:

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

### Services Offered

As part of her package Ms. Rapide provides the children with lunch and water. Occasionally she also provides them with breakfast as sometimes the parents do not have enough time to do so in the morning.

### Some of the activities:

Furthermore, she makes it a must to take the children to the beach, to the playground and also to play outside so they get some exercise, fresh air and sunlight.





# Ms. Marie-Andre Anacoura

## POINTE LARUE



gets everything ready to welcome her children the following week.

### **Location:**

Nageon Estate, Phase 1 in the district of Pointe Larue

### **Contact Detail:**

4375498/2878353

### **Date of Registration:**

Her Childminding Establishment registered with the Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) in April 2017

### **Opening hours:**

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

### **Services and activities being offered:**

Mrs. Anacoura provides the children with lunch and they bring their own snacks from home

### **Background:**

Ms. Marie-Andre Anacoura has been a Childminder for almost 13 years. She finds her work suitable for her personality. She loves working with children and sees herself as a Childminder for many years to come. What she likes most since she has registered are the trainings that equip her to deliver a better service. However, she finds that it is sometimes hard to attend on Saturdays as it is the time she cleans her establishment and

### **Some of the activities:**

Ms. Anacoura offers an array of activities both indoors and outdoors. These include playtime under her verandah and in the swimming pool outside her home, exercise sessions also outside her home and trips to the playground at Anse Royale. For all the activities parents are welcome to accompany their child and they are informed in advance in order to pack the special gear required.





# Mrs. Medine Rene

## AU CAP



### **Background:**

Mrs. Rene has been working as a Childminder for the past 25 years. Her commitment to childminding began after she had her own child and stayed home to care for him. After two years she did not want to go back to work and leave her child so she decided to start her own Childminding Service. She feels that in order to do this job a person needs to have love and patience for

children. Her greatest pleasure is to see children grow, not only physically but in all dimensions. With the help of her sister as her Assistant she has approval to care for a maximum of 10 children.

### **Location:**

Pointe au Sel, Lower, in the district of Au Cap

### **Contact Details:**

2583145/4371863

### **Date of Registration:**

She received her Certificate of Registration from the Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) in April 2017

### **Opening Hours:**

6:45am to 5:30pm from Monday to Friday

### **Services offered:**

As part of her service Mrs. Medine provides the children with balanced and healthy meals from breakfast to lunch.

### **Some of the activities:**

She takes the children out to the beach and Anse Royale playground to allow them to play freely and interact with their environment under supervision.





# Ms. Anna Joseph

## ENGLISH RIVER



### Background:

Ms. Joseph feels that her work as a Childminder brings her satisfaction as she is helping parents and rendering a service to the community. She took up the business upon the passing of her mother because there was so much demand for her service. She has been a Childminder for 7 years now and her only challenge is that some parents do not respect the opening hours of her

Childminding Service. However she tries her best to accommodate and communicate positively with her clients. She sees herself as a childminder for many years to come.

### Location:

Vilaz Trezor, Union Vale, in the district of English River

### Contact Details:

4322111

### Date of Registration:

Ms. Joseph registered her childminding service with the institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) in January 2018

### Opening Hours:

7:00am -5:00pm Monday to Friday

### Service and activities being offered:

She provides the children with a variety of healthy breakfast and lunch on a daily basis as part of her service.

### Some of the activities:

Ms. Joseph offers a range of educational activities to help develop the children's academic and self-care abilities. She also engages them in outdoor activities such as going to the swimming pool, to the beach and to the playground in Victoria.





# Mrs. Marina Joseph

## AU CAP



### **Background:**

Mrs. Marina Joseph has been a Childminder for more than 15 years. As a young and unemployed person she started taking care of her siblings and other relatives. She then took up employment but she felt that she had a great passion for childminding. So after her daughter had a child Mrs. Joseph went back to taking care of her grand-child and

responded to the demand for her service in the community. She has found her experience as a childminder rewarding although it can be challenging dealing with different parents' attitude and personality.

### **Location:**

Gaza Estate in the District of Au Cap

### **Contact details:**

4375252

### **Date of Registration:**

Mrs. Joseph received her Certificate of Registration with the Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) in May 2017

### **Opening hours:**

7:00am to 5:30pm, from Monday to Friday

### **Services offered:**

Inclusive of her Childminding Service, Mrs. Joseph provides the children with a healthy and balanced lunch.

### **Some of the activities:**

She organises educational and play activities indoors and outdoors. These outdoor activities are conducted both near her establishment and in the surrounding community.



# Mrs. Kathleen Antat

## MONT FLEURI



### **Background:**

When Mrs. Antat had her son she was working shifts and it was hard for her to leave him with someone else. So she decided to stop working and start her own business. She started by taking care of two children and slowly increased until now. She is taking care of ten children, according to her approved quota. She finds that she interacts better with children than with

adults and has a great love for them. Mrs. Antat is grateful for the sensitisation training in regards to the childminding standards as it has helped her improve her care and service for children.

### **Location:**

Rochon in the district of Mont Fleuri

### **Contact details:**

4411569/2583792

### **Date of Registration:**

The Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) registered her Childminding Services in November 2018

### **Opening hours:**

6:30am to 5:00pm, from Monday to Friday

### **Services Offered**

Mrs. Antat prepares healthy and balanced mid-morning and afternoon snacks for all the children in her care. She also makes provision for a well-balanced lunch for them every day as part of her service.

### **Some of the activities:**

The children in her Service are brought outside to run and play daily as she feels that the fresh air and the sunlight has a positive impact on the development of children.





# Mrs. Jenitha Sabury

## PLAISANCE

**Background:**

Mrs. Sabury loves working with children. Even before starting childminding she was a Sunday school teacher. She has been a Childminder for a number of years and the first child she ever cared for is now 13 years old. Mrs. Sabury decided to quit employment due to medical constraints and started her own childminding service. Despite the fact that she is a mother herself,

she finds that in her line of work she keeps on learning something new about children each day.

**Location:**

Her service is located in the district of Plaisance

**Contact Details:**

2578092

**Date of Registration:**

Her childminding establishment registered with the Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) in July 2018

**Opening Hours:**

7:30am to 4:30pm, from Monday to Friday

**Services Offered:**

Mrs. Sabury starts the day with the children in her care with prayers. Then she provides them with breakfast. She also provides them with lunch according to her nutritious creole menu.

**Activities Offered:**

The children's days are filled with playing activities including the slide, hoops and bowling all under her very large verandah. She also makes sure the children engage in educational activities and she enjoys storytelling time.

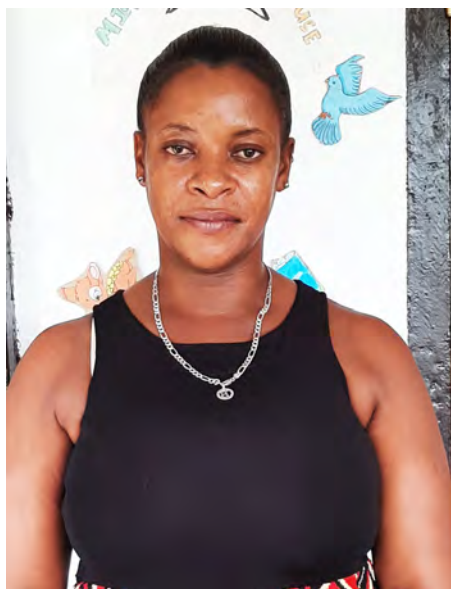






# Ms. Bettina Marengo

## CASCADE



### **Background:**

In 2017 Ms. Marengo decided to venture into self-employment. In view of her great love for children she chose to become a Childminder. Ms. Marengo enjoys her work and she feels that she learns new things daily from the children in her care. She sees herself as a childminder for many years to come as the little children bring simple joys to her in every little thing they do. She values the work she does as she feels she is laying a foundation for the growth and development of the future generation.

### **Location:**

Cap Majorgine, Cascade

### **Contact details:**

2585116

### **Date of Registration:**

Ms. Marengo received her certificate of registration with the Institute of Early Childhood Development (IECD) in August, 2019

### **Opening hours:**

6:30am to 4:30pm,

### **Services offered:**

Ms. Marengo provides the children with wholesome meals for the day. She starts off with a nutritious breakfast, then offers mid-morning snacks, a very well balanced lunch in different textures according to their age and tea or milk in the afternoon. She also prepares a weekly treat for her children as she also enjoys baking.

### **Some of the activities:**

Children are exposed to numerous pre-learning activities within and outside the establishment. Indoor activities include reading, drawing, painting, singing and dancing just to name a few. They play football and basketball outdoors and also go out to the playground, the beach and visits to the botanical garden.



# Ms. Mirena Didon

## ANSE AUX PINS



### Background:

Ms. Mirena has been engaged in the childminding service for a little bit over eight years now. She left employment and started this venture after realizing that she has great love for children. She feels that caring for children is an interesting career and she learns a lot daily from the children in her service. A challenge she faces as a Childminder is when parents neglect to make necessary provisions for their children despite constant encouragements. However she finds herself at ease with

children and cares for the small ones with passion. Ms. Mirena or 'pti yaya' as the children call her, has an approved quota to care for 10 children in her home.

### Location:

Bodamier, Anse Aux Pins

### Contact details:

2770590

### Date of Registration:

She registered her childminding service with IECD in December 2016

### Opening hours:

6:00am to 5:00pm, from Monday to Friday

### Services Offered

Ms. Didon offers a nutritious lunch while the parents provide breakfast, snacks for mid-day and afternoon, diapers, wipes and formula milk.

### Some of the activities:

With the help of her Assistant, she conducts a selection of indoor activities to engage the children in early learning. Additionally children engage in play in the outdoor area of the establishment under close supervision.

She also brings the children to the public swimming pool at Roche Caiman and the playing field in the community.





# Ms. Tara Salomon

## ST. LOUIS

**Background:**

Ms. Salomon has been caring for children for two years now. She decided to take upon this task after realizing how much she likes being around children and enjoy taking care of them and treats them as her own family. After attending the Pre-registration and Sensitization Training Programme, she felt better equipped and confident, and the standards and guidelines gave her a better view not only in caring for the children but doing it the right way.

She is actually caring for 10 children and being assisted by her sister.

**Location:**

St Louis

**Contact Details:**

2751702/ 4325677

**Date of Registration:**

She officially registered her service on 10th February 2020

**Opening Hours:**

7:00am to 5:00pm, from Monday to Friday

**Services Offered:**

To enable the children to go through the activities of the day Ms. Salomon offers a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks for all her children.

The parents are only required to make provision for the mid-morning snacks, diapers, wipes and formula milk for their children.

**Activities Offered:**

She ensures that the children are engaged in different indoor play activities including learning colors and numbers, storytelling and painting. These activities allow the children to interact with each other while enhancing their overall development. Ms. Salomon takes the children outside to a nearby playing field which is well fenced and they engaged in gross motor activities using balls and hoops. She commits herself to bring the children to outdoor visits to botanical gardens, swimming pool and playground with their parents' approval.







# Mrs. Tracy Marie

## ROCHE CAIMAN



### **Background:**

Mrs. Marie has gathered experience in child care whilst working in a day care for eight years before she started her childminding service. When she discovered her passion for working with children she decided to venture on her own as a Childminder. It has been about three years now since she has started and is currently caring for 10 children with the help of an Assistant.

### **Location:**

Roche Caiman

### **Contact details:**

2568014/ 4410880

### **Date of Registration:**

Mrs. Marie officially registered her childminding facility in November 2018

### **Opening hours:**

7:00am to 5:00pm,

### **Services offered:**

Mrs. Marie offers a nutritious breakfast, fruits, lunch and afternoon snacks for all her children.

The parents provide the mid-morning snacks, diapers, wipes and formula milk and personal items.

### **Some of the activities:**

Mrs. Marie believes in enabling the holistic development of young children, therefore she conducts a variety of early learning activities with the children including learning colors, nurse rhymes and dressing up activities. Since she has limited space available for outdoor activities she organizes to bring the children to informative visits to farms, the beach and aquarium with their parents' approval.

Mrs. Marie has her own transport which makes it easier for her to travel with the children.







# National Standards on Childminding



Early Learning



Interaction



Nutrition



Health



Safety



Child Rights & Protection



Staffing



Physical Environment



Family & Community  
Engagement

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## National Standards on Childminding



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### Family and Community Engagement

*Maintain a positive relationship with the child's family and overall community.*



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### Physical Environment

*Ensure that the environment is spacious enough, safe and secure.*




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