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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 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.Diana Aglae

### ST LOUIS



### Background:

Mrs. Diana Aglaé a mother of three primary/secondary school children has been providing Childminding services for 9 years; and is currently officially caring for 5 Children. Having completed the training, including a Basic Paediatric First Aid course, Mrs. Aglaé ensures that the children are given the best care for their holistic development.

### Location:

Belonie/St Louis -accessible tertiary road near Creche to end of road

### **Contact Details:**

4322692

### Date of Registration:

The IECD registered Mrs Aglaé Childminding establishment in January 2017.

### **Opening Hours**

7.00 am-5.00 pm Monday to Friday

#### Services Offered:

The facility provides a wide range of toys and games to match children's different stages of development and emerging abilities; age range 1yr-3yrs.

This Childminder offers an assortment of healthy meals breakfast, snack and lunch to the children on a daily basis.

### Activities Offered:

a) In her effort to encourage kids to play outdoors, Mrs Agalé has also created an outdoor play area which is securely fenced and the children supervised.

b) The children are taken on outings e.g. to participate in the jungle gym program















## Mrs. Josette Folette

## **ROCHE CAIMAN**



### Background:

Mrs. Folette has12 years of experience in child care. Today this Childminder and her Assistant offer formal Childminding Services to 10 children in a safe and hygienic environment. She successfully trained in the standards of Childminding and First Aid. Fire & First Aid accessories are available on site.

### Location:

Roche Caiman- a fenced property situated near the Les Mamelles Crèche, in a quiet area

### **Contact Details:**

2551181

### **Date of Registration:**

The IECD registered Mrs Folette's Childminding Service in January, 2017.

### **Opening Hours:**

07.00 am-5.00 pm Monday to Friday

### Services Offered

Conscious of the positive effect of play & education on Children's cognitive development this childminding service provides a variety of educational resources and activities for different age groups ranging from 3mts to 3yrs.

### **Activities Offered**

a) Nutritional standards is well maintained reflected in the type of healthy and nutritious lunches offered including weaning foods.

b) The facility is equipped with a play area, sleeping rooms and a television.













## Mrs. Fadette Vital

### PERSEVERANCE 1



### **Background:**

Mrs. Fadette Vital has registered her business under the name "Small Treasure Childminding" which clearly expresses the value she equates to children that she has been working with for the past 15 years. Mrs. Vital vacated her living room to exclusively accommodate this well appreciated service; where each corner is suitably equipped with play and learning resources. The premises are equipped with fire safety, First Aid equipment and security cameras.

### Location:

Perseverance 1 House No. S12, 52 Situated on the 1st floor with safety installments of barriers to prevent access to the kitchen, balcony & windows.

### **Contact Details:**

2726190/4412143

### **Date of Registration:**

She registered her service with IECD in February 2017

#### **Opening Hours:**

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

### Services Offered

Mrs. Vital understands and adopts good early learning practices & engages in early learning activities to enhance her children's physical and mental development. Her group is aged 3mts to 3yrs. Uniquely Mrs. Vital has 2 special needs children in her group; she works with an Assistant & lunch is provided.

### Some of the activities:

a) Children are provided with an outdoor uniform & regularly taken on outings where they meet and mingle with other children.

b) A daily routine centered around play and early learning activities using a variety of age appropriate resources.













## Ms. Sawline Victor

## ST LOUIS



### Background:

Ms. Sawline Victor is a young entrepreneur who has decided to make her passion become her career. In April 2016, she attended and successfully completed her training on the National Standards for Childminding Services. She minds an approved quota of 10 children with the help of an Assistant and adopts very good administrative practices.

Ms. Victor has built a separate area at her home to run her childminding service, which is in very high demand in her district. She is committed to early child development practices hence she engages the children in her care in a variety of early learning and play

activities. Ms Victor enjoys being with children and she cares for them with much love and affection.

### Location:

St. Louis.

### Contact Detail:

2768982/4267180

### **Date of Registration:**

Ms. Sawline Victor was among the first group of Childminders to register with IECD in August 2017.

### **Opening hours:**

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

### Services and activities being offered:

Ms. Victor maintains a high level of hygiene inside her childminding establishment which is child friendly with appealing child appropriate decorations.

There are a wide range of educational resources and Ms. Victor conducts early learning activities both indoors and outdoors which provides ideal opportunities for children to play and learn. She engages children in the occasional outing where they get the chance to mingle with other children at the swimming pool and in the baby gym program. The toddlers are closely supervised at all times.

















# Mrs. Sindy Malcouzane

## PERSEVERANCE 1,



### **Background:**

Mrs. Malcouzane entered the world of work as a secretary but soon realized that it was not something that she was passionate about. After nine years at the ACB Day Care she started her own child care service in her mother's home. Mrs. Malcouzane continued to offer the much needed childminding facility with the help of her efficient Assistant when she moved to Perseverance. Her approved quota is up to 10 children aged 3mts to 3yrs. She has security cameras in operation to safeguard her premises as well as First Aid & Fire equipment for emergencies.

### Location:

Perseverance 1 House No. S9-8.4 Situated on the 1st floor. Windows set out of reach of children with baby gate at balcony

### Contact Details:

4412227/2595971

### **Date of Registration:**

She registered her service with IECD in February 2017.

### **Opening Hours:**

From 7:00 am to 5:00pm

#### Services offered:

There is good delegation of duties between Mrs. Malcouzane and her Assistant and they both interact well with all the children. She offers well balanced & nutritious breakfast and lunch to her young clients.

### Some of the activities:

a) The children are often taken for outingsvisits to the botanical garden, swimming pool, baby gym and the playground.

b) The children are engaged in a variety of activities using a selection of developmental resources and age appropriate toys to enhance learning and indoor play.

















# Mrs. Sylvine Commettant

### PERSEVERANCE 2



### **Background:**

Mrs. Commettant and her Assistant have both completed training on the National Standards for childminding Services. Mrs. Commettant further demonstrates her commitment towards child care by completing the Basic Paediatric First Aid module. Her establishment is equipped with a well stocked First Aid Box and appropriate fire safety equipment.

### Location:

Perseverance 2 House No. S4-4. Situated on the ground floor of a flat with a view of the sea; in a quiet corner of the estate.

## Contact Details:

2553955/4411073

### **Date of Registration:**

Mrs. Commettant's childminding service was registered with IECD in May 2018

### **Opening Hours:**

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

### Service and activities being offered:

Services offered. There are a selection toys & educational materials suitable for the age group that she caters for 3mts – 3yrs. She also promotes good nutrition, provides healthy meals and encourages standard table manners among children at meal times.

#### Some of the activities:

a) The entire premises are securely fenced and the children engage in a variety outdoor activities e.g. pool, baby swings and slides.

b) Indoor is colorful, stimulating, child-friendly and Mrs. Commettant with her Assistant interacts and mingles well with the children throughout the day.















## Mrs. Merna Roberts

### ST LOUIS



### **Background:**

A proud mother of two, Mrs. Merna Roberts took over the running of the Childminding Services from her mother Mrs Christianne Berlouis. Mrs.Berlouis, better known as Mummy Tianne, remains close to the children in the role of Assistant. They care for a maximum of 10 children aged 3months to 3yrs.

The establishment maintains sound childcare & administrative practices with fire safety and first aid equipment in place. In addition to her past health care experience, Mrs. Roberts has understudied her childminder mother and completed training

on the 10 National Standards for Childminding services.

#### Location:

St Louis - accessible to Vehicles & Public Transport

## Contact details: 4266205/2512797

### **Date of Registration:**

The Childminding establishment was registered with IECD in February 2017.

### **Opening hours:**

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

#### Services offered:

A variety of early learning activities are offered at Mummy Tianne's childminding service. Good nutrition is provided through a range of nutritious meals in the form of breakfast, snacks, lunch and drinks. Mrs. Roberts exercises firmness as she gently promotes good behavior among the children in her care.

#### Some of the activities:

a)Indoor and outdoor play activities with an interesting selection of age appropriate toys

b) An appropriate range of educational resources available to stimulate the young minds.













## Mrs. Mesha Pelissier

### ST LOUIS



### **Background:**

Mrs. Mesha Pelissier has been providing a childminding service for over 20 years prior to undergoing formal training with IECD including a basic pediatric First Aid course. A first Aid Kit & fire extinguisher is at the ready in case of emergency. This Childminder and Assistant, her mother, have a very good working relationship; they share their daily duties effectively and adopt good administrative practices.

### Location:

St. Louis Waterloo - at the top of the St Louis Hill. Supervised, The children walk up several steps, to the childminding service - an excellent form of daily exercise

### Contact details:

4266859/2583080

#### Date of Registration:

The Childminder registered her service with IECD in May 2017

### **Opening hours:**

Monday to Friday 6:00am-4:30pm

#### Services Offered

Mrs. Pelissier has a large paved & fenced outdoor space converted into the designated area for her childminding activities with a maximum of 10 children aged 1 year and above. This Childminder provides transportation to pick up and drop off of all children in town. The day begins with a prayer after which a variety of early learning and play activities are undertaken. The children are encouraged to consume a selection of healthy foods for lunch.

#### Some of the activities:

a) There is a variety of outdoor toys and the space is well decorated and child friendlyb) Outings to visit horses and farm animals.















## Ms. Marie-Luce Zacharie

### **ROCHE CAIMAN**



### Background:

Five years ago Ms Marie Luce Zacharie operated a small childminding facility with only two children, she is now authorized to have an expanded service, with a quota of ten children. Ms Zacharie left the hospitality industry and with the help of her daughter, her Assistant, runs the facility for children from 3mts to 3yrs.

### Location:

Roche Caiman. Situated opposite the Primary school, this well fenced

semidetached house provides an ideal setting for the service.

### **Contact Details:**

2594227

### Date of Registration:

Ms Zacharie's Childminding establishment was certified by IECD in July, 2017.

### **Opening Hours:**

07.00am-5.00 pm

#### Services Offered:

This Childminder provides a clean, safe, caring and secure environment with a beautiful array of children's work displayed on the walls. Installed are the safety equipment for fire & first aid.

### **Activities Offered:**

a) A wide range of indoor play activities are planned, including lesson plans and implemented to ensure that the children develop emotionally, socially and physically.

b) Children are also engaged outdoors in the pool also in activities outside the service, such as going to the playground, beach and attending the baby gym.









## Ms. Marziolene De Letourdie

### **ROCHE CAIMAN**



Background:

Ms. De Letourdie has been an informal Childminder for the past 21 years, in fact since she gave birth to her first child. Today with the help of an Assistant she ensures her 9 children are safe, stimulated and well

taken care of. She is a certified Paediatric First Aider and has a stocked First Aid Box and Fire Equipment at the read in case of emergency.

### Location:

Situated near the main road in a quiet area.

### **Contact Details:**

4326252/2571866

### Date of Registration:

Ms. De Letourdie registered her service with the IECD in September, 2017.

### **Opening Hours:**

07.00 am-5.00 pm Monday to Friday

### Service Offered:

Ms De Letourdie provides the children, 11 months to 3 years old, with a range of healthy foods in suitable textures for the different age groups.

### **Activities Offered:**

a) A number of toys are available for the children to play with indoors.



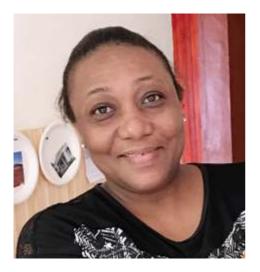






## Ms. Maureen Esther

### LES MAMELLES



### **Background:**

Located in the district of Les Mamelles where Ms. Maureen Esther has been providing Childminding services to parents from different districts for 20 years. With an Assistant they work in close collaboration with parents to ensure that the children's learning & developmental needs are met. Has fire & first aid equipment in place.

### Location:

Les Mamelles – situated in 1st floor flat, built in step so main door accessible by road (no steps). Full length gate protects main door and windows unreachable to children.

## Contact Details: 2825169

### **Date of Registration:**

Ms. Esther was registered with IECD on the 9th December 2016.

### **Opening Hours:**

6.30am to 5.00pm from Monday to Friday.

### Services Offered:

The Childminder provides the children with a variety of nutritious mid-morning snacks and lunch on a daily basis.

#### **Activities Offered:**

a) To ensure the holistic development of the children, educational activities are organised indoors.

b) An outdoor program includes taking children to the beach, baby gym, swimming pool and restaurants.











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