

INTRODUCING

Ang Eaton



Kia Ora, I'm Ang and I have been at the heart of Step 2 Growth since 2011. Early Childhood Education is my passion and I have been so blessed to work in childcare since 2006. I am a mum two very spirited beautiful daughters as well as 2fur babies, family is a huge part of our life in Marlborough.

I have qualifications in childcare and small business management. I am currently studying toward my Bachelors in ECE and working part time as an educator - as the children are the life of the company.

I have been lucky enough to have work experience on a farm, and administration before settling into ECE. When I turned 17, I was given an amazing opportunity as a nanny, which nurtured my passion in this industry, after 2 years as a nanny I became a home-based educator. I started Step 2 Growth in 2011, this all started from a desire to do more for the families in my care and tailor a service that meets the needs of our community while supporting and inspiring other like-minded educators.

I love the uniqueness of home-based childcare and the ability it provides to be flexible for whanau and Kaiako, while the tamariki experience the benefits of one primary care giver. As we know, infants and young children are at a critical and fundamental stage of brain development. Your chosen Educator is entering into a 'partnership of trust' with them. When that foundation of trust is nurtured, a young child's learning journey will be supported and extended at that child's own pace. I believe the 'transfer of trust' that occurs between family and Educator is a cherished and unique relationship. The small groups in Home-based care, here at Step 2 Growth (of no more than 4 children), reflects the family feel which encompasses inclusiveness and belonging. Our Educators can give 'full attention' to your children, encouraging them to develop in self-identity and learning. I believe this is the key to growing confident competent children who can become their own unique selves.

What my role as Director entails

- Responsible for all happenings and reporting within the service.
- Regular contact with Kaiako, tamariki and Whānau.
- Reporting to the Ministry of Education and IRD
- Ongoing support and guidance to Kaiako.
- Parent payment tracking and Educator weekly 'wage' payments.
- Budgeting and finance responsibility.
- Maintaining marketing and advertising for gaining inquiries.
- Providing support to Kaiako, including providing advice and training opportunities
- Ensuring there is adequate equipment (and where necessary providing this)
- Supporting educators and families
- Attending fortnightly staff meetings with the coordinator/s
- Play an active role in the service's internal evaluation and annual reviews such as policies and procedures
- Ensure that they are available, at all times while children attend the service
- Ensure those children and the adults providing education and care who supervise them, are supervised by a person responsible during all times enrolled.

