

GOLD COAST EMPLOYER AND JOB SEEKERS BENEFIT FROM TRAINING PROGRAM

An innovative new training model delivered by ETC Training Services is leading to jobs for the local unemployed.

The five week intensive training course 'WorkIT Childcare' was designed to provide students with valuable insight into what it's like working in the Child Care industry.

Three of the students were employed full time by Small World Child Care Centre at the conclusion of the program, including Tarni Wild who now works as an Assistant Educator.

"I was very excited when I found out because I've wanted to do childcare all my life. I've always wanted to work with children," Tarni said.

"Doing the actual real life training made me feel more confident. It was really good. Rather than just doing the training in class and then getting thrown into the deep end."

The training at Small World covered skills such as workplace health and safety, ensuring the health and safety of children, and providing emergency first aid response in an education and care setting.

Small World Director Tammie-Lee Harris said the Centre was proud to be involved with the program.

"We've never done anything like this before and the outcome was fantastic. We found the whole experience to be positive and rewarding," Ms Harris said. "It's been great having the opportunity to teach the students about our industry. We've watched them from day one to three months later to see how they've developed. Having them on-site with the trainer was magnificent."



"We were pleased with the result this program has provided our service and we were happy to offer three of the five candidates the opportunity to begin their child care career here at Small World."

ETC's Gold Coast Training Manager Paul Haywood said ETC was committed to working with employers to meet their needs and finding sustainable employment for local job seekers.

"These programs focus on students learning as a small group directly in industry whilst under the supervised guidance of their trainer/ coach. These programs provide students with the opportunity to "learn by doing" whilst developing strong relations with customers and other staff," Mr Haywood said.

ETC's award-winning WorkIT training model can be applied to the Aged Care, Hospitality, Retail and Child Care industries.

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