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Six new Early Learning and Care Centres in NSW

The Minister for Early Childhood Education and Child Care Kate Ellis today announced the providers of six new Early Learning and Care Centres in New South Wales.

The successful applicants are:

Organisation

Waverley Council
Manly Council
Abbotsleigh School for Girls
The Infants' Home Child and Family Services
KU Children's Services
KU Children's Services

Location

Bondi Junction
Fairlight
Wahroonga
Ashfield
Faulconbridge
Queanbeyan

Ms Ellis announced some of the new providers at an industry forum in Sydney today.

The Rudd Government is investing more than \$9.5 million over two years to build these new centres or expand existing premises.

"It's an exciting time for the development of early education in Australia. These six new centres will pay dividends for local economies and create extra child care places for NSW families," Ms Ellis said.

Together the six new centres will deliver at least 300 new childcare places and provide high quality early learning and care programs to children aged up to five."

These centres are among 11 new Early Learning and Care Centres to be established in New South Wales, including one Autism-specific centre.

The new centres are due to open in late 2010.

"The Australian Government is working hard to provide high quality, affordable and accessible early learning and care services to all Australian families," Ms Ellis said.

"Early childhood education is so important to the social, emotional and educational growth of children. Studies show quality early childhood experiences can set children on the right path for a happy and healthy life," she said.

The new centres form part of the Australian Government's \$114.5 million strategy to build Early Learning and Care Centres at 38 priority locations across Australia.

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