



More au pairs for Kiwi homes

In-home childcare provider, Porse, has teamed up with Au Pair Link to bring more au pairs into Kiwi households.

Porse General Manager Kerry Henderson says a partnership with Au Pair Link gives more families access to au pairs throughout New Zealand. "We are very excited about the partnership and being able to offer families more choice in the home-based childcare sector."

Au Pair Link General Manager Casey Muraahi says Porse has 62 more licences so families across the country will have wider access to au pairs. "We can now reach out to families nationwide and in some of the more remote areas. We receive

weekly enquiries from families outside of our licensed areas. It is exciting that we are now able to meet these demands, especially at a time where hundreds of au pairs are looking for host families." Through the partnership, all au pairs will take part in a three-day orientation, including first aid training, an ECE curriculum workshop, positive child guidance, and a driving in New Zealand course.

The partnership also has benefits for existing families and au pairs, with the opportunity to share Porse's services such as playgroups, events, resources, and professional development.

Wellington single mum Rhonda Moore recently returned to work

as a community midwife and needed flexible childcare for son Jethro, three, and daughter Frankie, five. Au Pair Link worked closely with her to find the right au pair, Justine Couillandre.

"As a midwife I work irregular hours, so I need someone who can live with us and be there for the children when I race off at short notice," explained Rhonda. "Justine is amazing and fits perfectly with our family. I'm confident she's able to step into my shoes and take charge whenever I'm on call. She's part of our family – when I head out the door to work the kids just say 'See you, Mum'."

"Au Pair Link are super helpful and great at smoothing out any little details." ■