

# Could an au pair be right for you?

When it comes to finding a suitable day care option, many parents err on the side of caution about leaving their children in an unfamiliar environment – especially during the younger years.

However, the option of employing an au pair is a great solution to this and an option that too few parents consider. The live-in support provided by hiring an au pair gives your children fulltime support – not to mention having an additional pair of hands around the home!

Au Pair Link, a Ministry of Education licensed company which provides families with au pairs, not only provides all the benefits of having an au pair, but they also offer families access to their private support programme where Au Pair's and nannies have been privately sourced.

This free programme provides au pairs with the tools they need to educate



children and provide the safest environment possible.

As part of this programme, the au pair will receive monthly visits from a Programme Manager who is a qualified early childhood teacher. They help identify the child's learning development and document their growth.

This is a great skill for in-home carers to have, as it ensures your child has 'around the clock' support and it gives you the peace of mind that your children are in capable hands.

There's also a social element to the

private support programme, offering weekly playgroups for the children and larger, monthly events for kids, au pairs and parents to attend.

Introducing children to others their age is fundamental to their development, not to mention giving your au pair the chance to meet people in a similar situation as themselves.

Additionally, through the support programme families can access 20 hours of early childhood education subsidies for 3 and 4 year olds, reducing the cost of their au pair.

Au Pair Link provides a payroll service that streamlines all educator payments and tax obligations as well, taking the stress out of planning for your child's education.

For more information, call the team at 0800 AU PAIR (287 247) or visit [www.aupairlink.co.nz](http://www.aupairlink.co.nz) ■

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