



## **Jawda™ Quality Improvement Program Now Endorsed by CACHE**

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Dear Friends,

CACHE and Arabian Child would like to share exciting news with you!

CACHE and Arabian Child have introduced a Quality Improvement Program for Early Years Settings developed for the Middle East, called Jawda™.

Jawda™ - which means 'quality' in Arabic - helps childcare settings improve the quality of care and education provided to children and their families in the Gulf region, and it helps families make informed decisions about childcare services. Jawda™ enables childcare practitioners to raise standards in early childhood settings beyond minimum licensing requirements and achieve high levels of performance as compared to international benchmarks.

Jawda™ is a context-specific, outcomes-based system that incorporates global best practices in quality childcare and integrates it with the uniqueness of the local culture and the current context of early learning development in the region. By choosing to participate in Jawda™, you are demonstrating a commitment to quality care and learning for young children.

Childcare settings receive a tier level certification indicating the level of quality that they have achieved in specific standards in the following domains: Child Learning and Development, Child Protection, Health and Safety, Workforce Qualifications & Professional Development, Citizenship, Community Partnership and Family Relations, Indoor and Outdoor Environments, and Leadership, Management and Administration.

The tiered system (tier 1 to tier 5) is a viable accountability measure that supports childcare centres in improving the quality of their service. Each tier builds on the foundation of the previous one, resulting in significant quality improvements at each stage. The system validates childcare centres for ongoing efforts to achieve higher standards of quality.

Miss Christine O'Connor, Nursery Director at the House of Colours Nursery (which received the highest quality rating – tier 5), commented: "As a Nursery Teacher and Director who has been working in the Middle East for the past 26 years, I am very passionate about the care, safety and teaching of very young children. Over the past years I have observed the large rise in the number of new nurseries that have opened and the vast range in the quality of staff that have been employed to care for the children who are our most valuable assets for the future. Taking



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part in the Jawda™ Quality Improvement Program gave me the opportunity to assess the House of Colours Nursery, involving the whole staff team, and allowed me to observe how far we had come since our opening date 8 years ago and what we had achieved together. It also showed what are our gaps were, and we have now prepared appropriate action plans to work towards continual improvement.”



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**Julie Hyde, CACHE Associate Director said:** “At CACHE, we are continually investing in high quality for the care and education industry, helping millions of learners raise professional standards across the sector. As a result, we have gained a deserved reputation for excellence and leadership. We are delighted to be contributing to the recognition and raising of quality within the region through the endorsement of the Jawda™ Quality Improvement Program.”

**Samia, M.Ed., General Manager of Arabian Child said:** “Research shows that quality education and care early in life leads to better health, education and employment outcomes later in life. Quality assurance ensures higher standards for all education and care services in the Middle East so children from birth to age 6 years get the best possible start in life. We are proud to bring this program in partnership with CACHE to all nurseries and kindergartens in the region, and we are confident that it will make an impact on the early years community.”

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### Arabian Child background

Arabian Child was created in early 2009. Its headquarters are in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). It provides consultancy, advisory and training services in all aspects of child education, care and protection at individual and organizational level. Since its inception, Arabian Child has been working arduously to improve the quality of early childhood education and care by defining standards for childcare practices, empowering professionals through training and qualification Programs, and collaborating with early childhood professionals, policy makers, government authorities and other practitioners. Arabian Child has been at the center of the fundamental improvement currently underway in the early years sector in the UAE. The Arabian Child Childcare Practitioner Qualifications and Training Program includes diplomas, certificates and workshop-based courses which are fully accredited and endorsed by national and international organizations. Arabian Child is a center of excellence for child protection training. The first international partner of the Council for Professional Recognition, Washington, DC, USA. In global alliance with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) since 2009. Arabian Child is the lead quality improvement advocate of early childhood in the Middle East, working with policy makers, professionals and parents to set high standards. Our mission is to build strong foundations for future generations in the Arab region, by supporting the development of high quality early childhood education and care. To find out more about Arabian Child training courses and our wide range of products and services for the Early Years sector, please visit our website [www.arabianchild.org](http://www.arabianchild.org).

### About CACHE

CACHE was established in 1945 by the Ministry of Health under the name of the National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB). The board set the syllabus for the first national examination which took place in 1947. In 1994 the NNEB merged with the Council for Early Years Awards to form CACHE. In 2001 we incorporated the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare and in 2015 we became part of NCFE. Over the years we have continually invested in high quality qualifications. Written and developed by experts, they have helped millions of learners across the world to raise professional standards, earning us a reputation for excellence and leadership across the sector. Our continued dedication to those who care for children, young people and adults means that our qualifications will continue to meet the needs of a modern workforce.