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Launceston child carers awarded

Launceston child carers took out top awards at the recent Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Achievement Awards.

Penny Cameron won the Community Award, Cindy Van de Voet won the Professional Award and Elizabeth Daly won the award for Inspirational Champion.

Minister for Children Lin Thorp said the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation continued to celebrate and promote the dedication of many early years professionals across Tasmania.

“The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation’s Achievement Awards aim to discover and applaud those who are contributing to the learning and wellbeing and development of Tasmanian children and their families during these important years,” she said.

“Too often, inspirational people go largely unrecognised but the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation is making sure that doesn’t happen in the early years sector.”

Ms Cameron has been a day carer for 20 years and has cared for more than 200 children.

Ms Van de Voet is the manager of Lady Gowrie at Alanvale and has 15 years experience in child care.

Ms Daly is the chair of the Northern Early Years Group and has been instrumental in bringing early childhood service providers and advocates together across Tasmania.

Ms Thorp congratulated the Early Years Foundation for creating an opportunity to recognise and encourage those supporting young children and their families.

“Looking after our children is Tasmania’s Biggest Job and these awards continue to celebrate their achievements and dedication and highlight the importance of investing in the early years,” she said.

The award recipients received prize money to be invested in professional development or projects to benefit their communities.

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