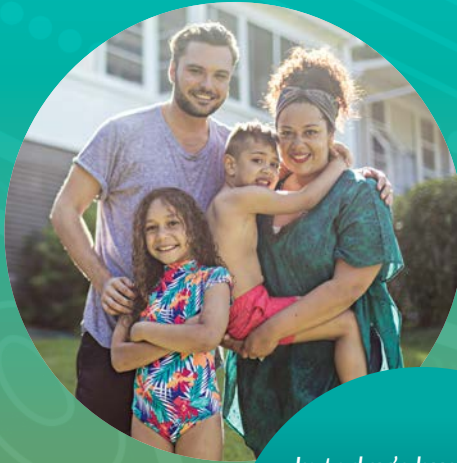


What Are the Benefits of Being a Foster Carer?

Carers and their families can experience a number of positive benefits from choosing to become a carer. If you choose to become a foster carer with us, you won't be alone, we are here to support you each step of the journey.

We provide training, resources, and specialist support when you need it. Our commitment to ensuring our foster carers receive every support necessary, includes:

- ✓ 24 hour on-call support
- ✓ Ongoing education and training
- ✓ Access to resources and support services
- ✓ A generous tax free allowance to contribute to the day-to-day costs of care



In today's busy world, it's easy to think that fostering is for someone else... but the truth is, every day, it's done by someone just like you.

Someone like you.

Fostering. Someone like you can make all the difference.



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Understanding Foster Care

Foster carers provide a home for children and young people who cannot live with their birth families for various reasons. These reasons could include situations like parental illness, substance abuse, family conflicts, or other circumstances that make it unsafe or impossible for the child to remain at home.

Foster care is designed to provide a stable, safe, and nurturing environment for children while their birth families work through their challenges or until a more permanent solution can be arranged. Our foster care families create safe, loving environments that offer stability for as short as a few days or as long as necessary. Carers choose the type of care that best suits their individual circumstances.

Why Foster Care Matters

Foster carers play a crucial role in the lives of these children, offering them stability, support, love and care during a time of transition and uncertainty. They help meet the child's basic needs, provide emotional support, and often work closely with social workers and other professionals to ensure the child's wellbeing.

We see significant and life-long benefits for children, young people and their families who we support in their foster care journey. For many children and young people, the right care can help them progress and achieve in their lives and develop into happy, healthy adults.

Who Can Become a Foster Carer?

We welcome people from all backgrounds to apply for foster care. Whether you're single or married, with or without children of your own, we encourage you to consider this rewarding role. To become a foster carer, you need to:

- ✓ Be over 18 years of age
- ✓ Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ Successfully complete the probity check process
- ✓ Appreciate the importance of maintaining Aboriginal culture and family connections

Become a Foster Carer With Us

Becoming a foster carer is a meaningful commitment, and the impact can be profound. By providing a child with a safe and supportive home, you're giving them the opportunity to grow and reach their full potential.

As a foster carer with South Coast AMS, you'll play a crucial role in helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children stay connected to their culture, even when they are away from their families. You can make a lasting difference in a child's life by providing love, support and care when they need it most.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, staying connected to culture is essential for their emotional and social wellbeing. While we aim to place children with Aboriginal carers, this isn't always possible. That's why we welcome carers from all backgrounds who are committed to supporting these cultural connections.

We'll Be With You Every Step Of The Way

From the start, we provide training to prepare you for your role as a foster carer, ensuring you feel confident and supported, you won't be alone on this journey. Our caseworkers, program managers, and service providers work as a team to support you and the child in your care.

We provide:

- ✓ 24/7 support for emergencies and guidance.
- ✓ Regular training opportunities to build your skills.
- ✓ A collaborative team environment to ensure the best outcomes for everyone involved.

Join Us Today



If you're considering becoming a foster carer or want to learn more, our dedicated team is here to provide all the support, information, and guidance you need. Take the first step towards making a difference by connecting with us today.

"I wanted to make a difference, be a light in his life, now he is the light in mine."

