

## The nature of Foster Care is changing

In the past, Foster Care has had a focus on providing long term placements for children and young people up until the age of 18. Today, Foster Care is moving in a new direction. The Permanency Support Program focuses on supporting children and young peoples safety, permanency and well-being.

We need carers more than ever to support the children and young people in your communities, who need a safe and caring home for life.

## Being the difference

We are committed to supporting and creating positive opportunities to empower children, young people, individuals and their families. We need carers who will not only support and care for children and young people now, but into the future as a connection for life.

With an urgent need for more carers, we need more people to put their hand up to be:

- **Immediate/Short Term Carers** - providing a child or young person a safe home at short notice to support them towards permanency pathways including Restoration, Guardianship or Open Adoption
- **Caring for Teenagers** - we need more carers who are passionate about supporting young people between 12 - 17 years old
- **Guardian or Adoptive Carers** - to give children and young people a safe home for life

# Can you be the difference?

Start your journey in helping a vulnerable child today.

## How can I begin my foster care journey?

Call us or visit our website to fill out an enquiry form.

We would love to hear from you!

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## The Permanency Support Program (PSP)

The PSP recognises that, wherever possible, children do best with their family, or when living with people who can care for them permanently.

### What is my role as a foster carer?

As a foster carer you are expected to provide a safe and supportive home for children and young people to achieve safety, permanency and well-being outcomes.

Foster care is the significant link for children and young people to move out of the Out of Home Care system and into safe and permanent homes.

### Cultural and community connections

Children and young people have the right to grow up being connected to their culture, religious background and language.

Carers play a big role in supporting cultural connections for the child or young person.

### We are with you every step of the way

At William Campbell Foundation we will be with you every step of your foster care journey.

Whichever type of care your heart leads you to, we provide initial and ongoing training, 24/7 on call support, caseworker support, clinical support and a carer allowance to assist with the everyday expenses of raising a child.



## What types of foster care are there?

**Restoration** is when a child or young person is reunited with their family or kin. During the restoration we need carers who can provide care for children and young people and build relationships with their family so they can safely return home.

**Guardianship** is where a relative, kinship or authorised carer seeks long term parental responsibility for a child or young person.

**Open Adoption** (for non-Aboriginal children and young people) provides permanent care for a child or young person who are unable to live with their family.

Adopting a child or young person means that all legal rights and responsibilities are transferred from the parents to the adoptive parents.

**Long Term Foster Care** is when the above permanent care options are not suitable, long term foster care will be considered.

**Immediate/Short Term Care** is giving a child or young person a safe home at short notice. The child or young person may stay in your care whilst a suitable long term permanent home is found.

**Respite Care** involves having a child or young person in your care for short stays. This could be regular weekends, school holidays or overnight stays.