

Frequently Asked Questions

We have put together a small list of the main Frequently Asked Questions. To read more visit our website.

- 1. Who can become a Foster Carer?**
WCF Foster Carers have to be over the age of 21 and be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident. You can be a family, couple or single person and could come from any diverse background.
- 2. I have my own children, does this mean I cannot be a Foster Carer?**
This is one of the biggest myths we bust regularly! We do recommend that the age of the children or young people placed in your care be at least two years younger than your own children.
- 3. Do I have to own my own home?**
You do not need to own your own home, but you have to be able to provide adequate, safe accommodation for a child or young person.
- 4. Can a foster child share a bedroom?**
A bedroom should be available for a foster child, however sharing may be appropriate if it is with their sibling.

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Start the conversation.

A great way to consider if fostering is right for you and your family is to **#starttheconversation**

We would love to hear from you!



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WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT Types of Foster Care?



Strengthening families, changing lives

Restoration

Restoration is when a child or young person is reunited with their birth parents or kin where ever it is safe to do so. During the restoration process, we need carers who can provide foster care to children and young people until the restoration is completed.

Guardianship

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

Open Adoption

Open Adoption (non-Aboriginal children and young people) provides permanent care for a child or young person who are unable to live with their birth family. Adopting a child or young person means that all legal rights and responsibilities are transferred from birth parents to the adoptive parents.

Long Term Foster Care

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

HELP GIVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE A SAFE AND PERMANENT HOME FOR LIFE

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Immediate/Short Term Care
Part Time Care

Foster Care can be an extremely rewarding life decision that can change the life of a child.

Immediate/Short Term Care

Immediate or 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.

Part Time Care

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

