

# STEPS TO Becoming a Foster Carer

- 1 Initial Enquiry** - The best way to fill in an enquiry form is on our website or by calling us on 1300 000 WCF. We then touch base with you about your enquiry, answer any of your questions, and book in an information session.
- 2 Information Session** - After your initial enquiry, we book in an information session with you and your family to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. Information sessions are a great opportunity to discuss foster care and if it is right for you and your family. Together, we go through what the fostering journey could look like for you. We leave you with a Foster Care Information Pack that contains important documents and information for your next steps.
- 3 Probity Checks** - Part of becoming a Foster Carer is probity checking. Probity checking includes Working with Children Check, National Criminal Record Check, Medical Check, Housing Safety Checklist Assessment, Community Services Check, Referee Check and ID Check. Part of step three also includes completing your Life History. We guide you through this process, and it is also explained thoroughly in your information session and application pack.

**The next step is training!  
You will be invited to attend  
Shared Lives Training.**

- 4 Training** - Shared Lives is a three part compulsory training module that provides learnings on trauma, working with families, therapeutic approach, brain development, working as part of a team, identity and culture and promoting positive behaviour. Shared Lives is conducted by our highly trained Carer Team.





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**Assessment** - William Campbell Foundation uses the Step by Step Assessment Tool. This tool is designed to assess your competencies in all of the areas below to provide safe care for children and young people. Our carer team will support you through this entire process and provide pathways to achieve these competencies.

The tool includes the following modules:

- Personal Life History and Support Networks
- Trauma, Grief and Loss History
- Working with Families
- Personal Resilience
- Providing Trauma Informed Care
- Promoting a child's self-image, culture and identity
- Working as part of a team

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**Authorisation** - At the end of the assessment process, you will be authorised to care for a child or young person and the conditions of the authorisation will be discussed with you. This may include the number of children and young people you are authorised to care for, their ages and gender.

## Ongoing Training and Support

At William Campbell Foundation, our teams will be with you every step of your Foster Care journey. We provide ongoing training, 24/7 on-call support, regular caseworker visits, regular carer team contact and visits, clinical services support and a financial allowance to assist with the everyday expense of raising a child.

### STEPS COMPLETED

**1** Initial Enquiry



**4** Training



**2** Information Session



**5** Assessment



**3** Probity Checking



**6** Authorisation



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