

Foster Care

FAQ

What is foster care?

Foster care involves providing care to children and young people who are unable to live with their own families.

Who can become a foster carer?

Anyone! We are looking for people and families from all walks of life who could care for children and young people in their own homes. There are a few requirements to be a foster carer which are:

- you must be over 21 years old
- you must have a spare room for a child
- you must pass a National Police Check and Working with Children Check.

Can I choose the age group and gender of the foster child?

You can request or choose the age of the child you want to foster and we'll work with you to determine who will be the best fit for your family.

Can I foster if I don't own my own home?

Yes. Plenty of carers do not own their own home or are renting. As long as you can offer a room and a safe environment you can foster.



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Am I able to choose how long a child stays with me?

Each child has different needs and requirements. Some may only need an overnight stay and some may need longer. We will discuss with you, your lifestyle and family needs to best match a child in your care. The type and length of foster care include:

- Respite care (one or two weekends a month)
- Emergency care (for children who require an immediate placement)
- Short-term care (a few weeks to six months)
- Long-term care (more than six months)

Is there any financial support for being a foster carer?

When you foster a child or young person you'll get regular foster care payments in the form of a non-taxable allowance. How much you receive is dependent on the type of placement you have, your foster child's age and how much extra care they need.

Still have questions?
Get in touch with us at enquiry@anchor.org.au



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