

HOW DO I

# BECOME A CARER?



WE NEED  
FOSTER  
CARERS



ATSiCHS  
BRISBANE

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ON TAKING THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING A FOSTER CARER!

Below is a quick overview of the steps in becoming a foster carer. If at any time you have any questions, remember you can call us.



### 1. Expression of interest

If you are interested in becoming a foster or kinship carer first contact our Foster and Kinship Care Team at ATSICHS Brisbane by calling 07 3029 6566 or emailing [fkc@atsichsbrisbane.org.au](mailto:fkc@atsichsbrisbane.org.au).

### 2. Initial contact

Once you have made initial contact, one of our Foster and Kinship Care Workers will contact you and begin the process. This starts with an expression of interest form. You can also complete the expression of interest on our website. Once we have received your EOI one of our workers will call you to make a time to meet you and your family or arrange a time to call you to answer any initial questions you may have. This is a chance for us to learn more about you. For you, it is an opportunity to hear more about fostering. An information pack will be provided to you following the interview.

### 3. Training

Prior to starting your assessment to be a foster carer, you will need to complete competency based training for foster carers. Training is delivered flexibly to suit your needs and time available. There are four modules which are run throughout the year and we aim to modify times and dates to suit our future foster carers and their families. You will learn about why children enter care, their need to remain connected to their birth family and some of the issues they and you as their carer may experience. You will learn how to manage behaviours as well as the roles and responsibilities of both yourself, your agency (us) and the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women. Once you complete this training you will receive a Statement of Achievement.

### 4. Assessment

After your training is complete an assessment report is provided. After yarning with you (including people that live with you, which could include a spouse, children and friends), the assessor will make a recommendation to the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women. You are included in this process and will be given an opportunity to provide comments and feedback. Your assessor will submit your assessment to a panel of people who will, in turn make a decision in regards to whether your application has been successful. If successful, you will be given a Certificate of Approval and your foster care journey begins!

### HOW WILL I BE SUPPORTED?

We know that deciding to become a foster carer is a big decision. That's why we will be there to help and guide you every step of the way. We provide training and ongoing support to all our foster carers to ensure your placement is successful for you, your family and any children who may come into your care. We will also provide a range of supported activities and gatherings.

### WHY FOSTER WITH US?

We are the largest, most comprehensive Aboriginal Medical Health Service in Queensland and Australia's second oldest. We are determined to create a flourishing future and lasting legacy for our people and community.

Foster care at ATSICHS Brisbane is a way of providing culturally safe homes for our children. We support both Indigenous and non-Indigenous carers to provide high quality care for children who are unable to live at home.

Through our carers and support we can ensure that our children stay connected to their community and culture and their identity remains strong and alive.

In addition, you and your family will have access to a wide range of our other services for free including medical and dental services, counselling and our youth program.

ATSICHS Brisbane is a not for profit community owned health and human services organisation delivering on the unique needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in greater Brisbane and Logan.

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