

HOW DO I

BECOME A CARER



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KINSHIP FOSTER
CARERS
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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 or kinship 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 by calling 07 3029 6566 or emailing fkc@atsichsbrisbane.org.au.

2. Initial contact

Once you have made initial contact one of our Foster & Kinship Care Support Workers will contact you and begin the process. This starts with an expression of interest form. You can also complete the EOI online at 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 for a phone interview. This is a chance for us to learn more about you. For you it is an opportunity to hear more about fostering. An application pack is provided to you following the interview.

3. Training

As part of your assessment you will need to complete a nationally accredited carer training course. There are 4 modules which are run over 4 weeks. The sessions are run after work hours. You will learn about why children enter care, their need to remain connected to their birth family and the issues that they may experience, how to manage behaviours, as well as the roles and responsibilities of both yourself, our organisation and the Department. Once you complete this training you will receive a certificate of attainment.

4. Assessment

After your training is completed an assessment report is completed and a recommendation is given to the Department of Child Safety. Your assessor will submit their report to the Foster Care Assessment Panel which, in turn, will make a recommendation to the Department about whether or not you should be a foster carer. You will be notified of the outcome.

How will I be supported?

We know that deciding to become a kinship 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 and enjoyable for you and your child. 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 and are determined to create a flourishing future and lasting legacy for our people and our community.

Foster care at ATSICHS is a way of providing culturally safe homes for our children.

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.

FIND OUT MORE

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