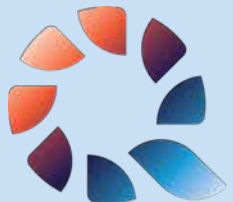


# Foster Care

Foster a  
Child -  
Nurture a  
Future



## Could you be a Foster Carer?

I am from a culturally diverse background

I am a member of the LGBTQI+ community

I don't/have children

I am over 21

I am in a defacto relationship

I work full time, part time

I am unemployed, retired, a student

I rent, own my own home, live with extended family

I'm a single man/woman

I am a single parent

I could provide a safe and loving home for a child for at least one weekend a month

I can work as a team with others who wish to improve the lives and outcomes for children and young people who cannot live safely in their own family homes

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*Quantum believes the celebration of diversity makes us and the community stronger. We are committed to embracing everyone's individual differences so that we can help create a strong workplace and community that is empowered to reach its potential. We celebrate diversity of gender, sexuality and spiritual or religious belief along with all cultural backgrounds including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Quantum recognises that we all have diverse life experiences that may be influenced by age, ability, social and financial status. Quantum support everyone's right to feel respected, safe, welcome and valued.*

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## Quantum Foster Care Team Vision

We envision children and young people in Gippsland's Out of Home Care System have safe stable and loving homes and relationships that promote healing from trauma through positive attachments.



## **What is Foster Care?**

Foster Care is provided by people in their own homes for children and young people aged 0-18 years who cannot live with their families.

## **Why do children need Foster Care?**

Children come into care for a variety of reasons, including poverty, lack of support, disability, mental illness or medical issues, homelessness, family crisis, abandonment, neglect, drug or alcohol issues, physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

All children in foster care require safe loving & supportive care whether its for a few days, a few weeks, a few months or even years.

Some Foster Carers provide respite care for as little as one weekend per month up to longterm. Foster carers are able to decide what suits them best.

In 2018 there were over 12,000 children and young people who couldn't live safely at home, unfortunately there were less than 1,000 foster homes available (Fostering Connections).

## **Why be a Quantum Foster Carer**

We care for and value our Foster Carers, they are an integral part of our Quantum Team.

It is this team work relationship that we foster with carers that promotes opportunities for children and young people to heal from their trauma and develop strong, healthy and positive relationships.

We care for our Carers as much as we care for kids.

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## What Support do Foster Carers receive from Quantum?

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Experienced Case Management or Placement Support

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24 Hour Support

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Free Training prior to becoming an accredited Foster Carer as well as ongoing training from Specialist and Expert Trainers.

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Access to many resources and publications

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Free Membership to Foster Carer Association of Victoria

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Assistance and Support to receive Reimbursement of Costs

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Opportunities to attend Fostering Conferences and Events

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A Teamwork Approach to Fostering

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## Testimonials from Foster Carers

**Rae & Jim said...** *"Foster care is hard work, but so worthwhile, valuable and a rewarding experience for us and the children we care for. "*

**Grace said...** *"I have been a Foster carer for about 21 years now, and I cannot imagine my life without children in my home. (I wouldn't want to either)."*

**From a child who was once in Foster care...** *"Foster Care for me was a very positive experience. I was placed with a great foster parent who I got along with and also made me feel very comfortable and welcomed. I was never considered an outsider like in some cases. I was also supported holistically by my foster parent and case workers with any decision making and they gave me honest advice that only made me stronger and able to walk into the future in the right direction. Financially I was supported through my education and into housing that gave me a head start to becoming a mature adult."*

**Call 1800 243 455 for an assessment and further information on program dates and locations**

# We care for Gippslanders

*For all information regarding our services and locations please don't hesitate to contact us on:*

**Morwell**  
227 Princes Drive

**Sale**  
65 Macalister Street

**Warragul**  
36 Williams Street

**Bairnsdale**  
306 Main Street

**Call 1800 243 455**

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