

Recruitment & Training	Carer Support	Placement	Placement Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodgement of Carer Application • Health & Wellbeing • Household Safety • Blue Card Application • Interview • Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care • Advocate for Carers in dealing with Child Protection Departments when necessary • Provide needs based, comprehensive, responsive support • Carer Mentoring • Carer Education • Strengthen cultural bonds—building resilience for Indigenous Carers and Children • Socialising/ Networking/ Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual and family based • Community and cultural based • Research based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural support for non-Indigenous Carers of Indigenous Children including Indigenous camps • Short-Break Care

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CQID

CQID provides the tools and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, and for community organisations to build capacity to improve their social physical and economic well-being

Foster Kinship Care

Roles

Central Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foster and Kinship Care Service provide a range of services, including:

- Foster and Kinship Carer Recruitment
- Foster Carer Training
- Foster and Kinship Carer support
- Placement of children and young people who require Out-Of-Home Care
- Placement of Children and Young People and other child protection support services people

Responsibility

- To provide support to Carers and Children
- To ensure Children are matched with appropriate carers
- To ensure the Child's welfare and best interest, including the right to protection from harm will be paramount
- CQID FKC service will ensure that the Child will be placed with Kin
- CQID FKC responsibilities to the Carers—ensure Carers are provided and are aware of relevant training and information to equip them with skills and knowledge
- To ensure Carers are involved in the development of plans that effect the wellbeing of the Child or Young Person in their care.

Focus

There are a number of ways that CQID provides Care for Children and Young People, depending on their needs.

One of these ways is to provide Family-based care with families located within the child's community.

Family-based Care is the most common type of Care arrangement for Children who cannot live at home because of abuse or neglect.

Family-based Care includes Foster Care, Kinship Care and Support Care.

Foster Carers are approved by The Department of Communities, Placement Services Unit (PSU) to provide Care in their own homes for Children and Young People who have experienced harm or are at risk of harm. This can be for short or long periods of time.

Child Placement Principal

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principal requires Indigenous Children and Young People to be cared for within their own families and communities wherever possible. The Principal guides the department in making decisions about where an indigenous Child or Young Person should live if they are placed in out-of-home care.

The order of priority is :-

- a member of the Child or Young Persons family
- A member of the Child's or Young Persons community or language group
- Another Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander who is familiar with the Child or Young Persons community or language group
- another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person

Short Break Care

Short Break Care is an important support for Children and Young People in Care, giving them opportunities to extend their support network.

Short Break Care is suitable for people who can provide short-term care but may not be able to provide ongoing day-to-day care for a few hours, a weekend or even a few weeks.

Short Break Carers determine their own availability, for example, weekends or holidays. Whenever possible, regular Short Break Care should be provided by the same person. Ideally, this will be someone the Child or Young Person has an existing relationship with, or someone they can develop trust and a connection with. Short Break Carers are approved as Foster or Kinship Carers, and work with our department and other non-government care services as part of an important team of people committed to providing a safe, stable and supportive environment for the Child or Young Person in Care.

Non Indigenous Carers with Indigenous Children in their Care

To assist non-indigenous Foster Carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children to keep the children connected with their community and culture.

This resource will:-

- Focus on the cultural support needs of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children
- Broaden recognition of the importance of culture and identity and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care.
- Support carers in their role and assist in the establishment of good practice for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander foster carer arrangements