### CONNECTION

### WHY CHOOSE CARESOUTH?

As a truly local community-based organisation with a big heart, you can know that you are helping kids in need in your own community.

As a CareSouth foster carer, you can expect us to be there with you on the journey every step of the way. Providing an extraordinary level of support, training and information, continues to be our focus.



FOSTER CARERS ARE A VALUABLE PART OF CARESOUTH'S FOSTER CARE TEAM

A child or young person in foster care will need lots of care and nurturing. They may also require additional support, medical attention, meetings with caseworkers, and encouragement to maintain contact with their own family.

You may already have what it takes to care for a child. If you can open your heart and have space in your home, we can provide the training and support you need to make a positive difference to a child or young person's life.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

YOU MAY HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT FOSTERING FOR SOME TIME

It starts with a call to our friendly team. 1300 554 260

www.caresouth.org.au

# CARESOUTH FOSTER CARER

**EVERYDAY** CareSouth



ALMOST ANYONE CAN CONSIDER BECOMING A FOSTER CARER

Our foster carers are everyday people like you. They are young couples, same sex couples, single people, have children of their own, or are retired. Foster carers can work part-time, full-time or be at home.

We match children and young people with families who best suit their needs and make sure it is the right placement for your family situation.

## ACHIEVEMENT

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Vulnerable kids don't need a hero. They need you. Being a foster carer is one way you can help.

Becoming a foster carer can be a very rewarding journey for you and your family. If you are responsible, warm-hearted, patient, enjoy spending time with children and can provide a stable, caring family environment, you can make a very positive difference to a child or young person's life.



### YOU ARE NOT ALONE ON YOUR FOSTER CARER JOURNEY

You will be supported to provide care for children aged between 0-18 years whether you become a respite carer (typically one weekend a month), short-term carer (up to 6-18 months) or long-term carer.

Our foster carers receive ongoing training, regular caseworker visits, 24/7 on call support, clinical services and a tax-free allowance. We look after you, so you can look after the people that need it most.