



Community Carers needed



What is a Community Carer?

A Community Carer is someone who a Child in Care can stay with if it is not safe for them at home.

Community Carers can provide short-time or long-time care for a child.

A Community Carer is someone who comes from the same place as the child and the community can vouch for them.

What do Community Carers do?

Community Carers give kids within their community a safe place to stay.

Staying with a Community Carer gives kids from culturally similar backgrounds a chance to stay on Country near family.

Community Carers give kids more than just a good feed and a bed but can give them a home for a while. It can give kids a chance to have a good rest, yarn with a strong man or woman who they know cares about them, and maybe do something fun like go fishing or out bush.

Some kids who need Community Carers have a lot of problems and big feelings because their lives have been hard. Community Carers can help them on their journey.

Community Carers also help kids to keep seeing their family while they watch out for them.

Who can be a Community Carer?

Anyone with an open heart and who wants to help kids can apply to be a Community Carer.

You can be an Aboriginal carer for Aboriginal kids.

You can be married or single. It doesn't matter if you have your own kids or not or whether you're working or not.

The Department of Communities will do a check on all the adults in the house and will help you get a Working with Children Check and a criminal record check.

How will the Department help me?

The Department of Communities will give you money to look after a Child in Care. This is called subsidy and won't affect Centrelink payments or your wages.

Contact details

If you want to be a Community Carer or you want to vouch for someone to be a carer, or to just have a yarn, please contact the Department of Communities Fostering and Family Care team on **1800 182 178** or your nearest District Office:

