

Connecting Foster Carers - SA Inc (CFC-SA) has been supporting South Australian foster and kinship carers (Carers) for over 20 years.

Evolving from a grassroots organisation, CFC-SA was incorporated in 1999 and continues to utilise **peer support** in the delivery of peak body services, strengthening individuals and families who provide family-based care for children and young people.

*"No-one understands the challenges Carers face looking after a child in the care system quite like other Carers."
(Carer)*



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Join CFC-SA - Become a member

Members play an important part in shaping the future of CFC-SA and improving the system for Carer families.

CFC-SA welcomes new Members and invites Carers and other persons interested in making a difference to the lives of children and young people in care to join in this important work.

For more information and to **join online**, visit the CFC-SA website.



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About

CFC-SA aims to improve the lives of children and young people in care through provision of services addressing the key themes:

advocate · support · connect · inform

CFC-SA's services value and support Carer families to sustain strong and positive relationships in homes across South Australia.

CFC-SA offers opportunities for Carers to:

- **connect** with other Carers.
- receive **information** about caring.
- access help and **advocate** for change.
- discuss issues and receive **support** from a peer – someone who understands and can share caring experiences.

CFC-SA works together with Carer families, the Department for Child Protection, support agencies and other partners to bring about positive change in South Australia.

CFC-SA is supported by Members to progress, improve and promote foster and kinship care, and to ensure Carers are recognised as vital partners within the child protection system.

CFC-SA is a **free service for Carers** and anyone seeking information about foster and kinship care. If you would like to discuss ways CFC-SA can assist and support you, please contact us.

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Services

Advocate

CFC-SA works to promote the voice of Carers, to have Carers' voices be heard and for Carers to be collectively recognised as an essential part of the child protection system.

This advocacy occurs at two levels: influencing positive changes to attitudes, policies, systems and laws through **systems advocacy** – and **individual advocacy**, helping Carers have an effective voice in matters that affect them and the children and young people in their care.

Support

Listening to Carers' experiences and acknowledging the importance of the caring role in each child and young person's life, CFC-SA supports the effective communication of Carers' needs and wants, and offers Carers additional benefits through access to **peer support** from experienced Carers.

"The support I have received from CFC-SA has been so helpful – it's given me the confidence to continue caring"
(Carer)

Connect

CFC-SA connects with the Carer community, Department for Child Protection, support agencies, kinship care teams and other key stakeholders to ensure effective consultation, coordination, communication and education on issues and activities which affect Carers.

Inform

CFC-SA gathers and shares information to improve Carers' capacity and experience. CFC-SA also works with various groups to help them provide relevant and useful services.

Information is intended to:

- Raise awareness;
- Inform about change and new initiatives;
- Be about a specific area of interest, e.g. trauma or accessing new services; and
- Raise the profile of foster and kinship care within the broader community.

