



Connecting Foster Carers – SA Inc 2017 Strategic Plan

Connecting Foster Carers – SA Inc (CFC-SA) is the peak body for foster and kinship carers (Carers) in South Australia.

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 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 sector.

This plan identifies our goals and the progress we intend to make across three focus areas throughout 2017.

Focus Areas	Goals	Key Performance Indicators
Growth & Sustainability	Acquire resources to adequately deliver CFC-SA services around key themes: Advocate – Support – Connect – Inform	Amend constitution and apply for charitable status Secure min. \$500K p.a. funding for services over 3-year period
	Raise awareness of the work of CFC-SA and build networks	Connect with key stakeholders within Child Protection sector Identify other stakeholders and opportunities outside Child Protection sector
Effectiveness	Improve effectiveness of representation as a peak body	Promote and increase awareness of CFC-SA services Consult with Carers and promote their views in response to proposed changes and amendments to legislation and processes
	Communicate, connect and engage with Members	Plan and implement a membership strategy Increase percentage of registered Carers joining as Members
Advocacy	Improve understanding of current and emerging issues for foster and kinship carers	Identify issues and priorities for Carers Develop system advocacy framework
	Gather evidence of positive aspects of foster and kinship care	Identify areas working well for Carers Incorporate best practice in development of system advocacy framework
	Increase the capacity of Carers to provide high quality sustainable care	Identify gaps occurring across the caring lifespan (training, information, support, etc.) Improve awareness of policies, processes and decision-making for Carers when dealing with the Department for Child Protection Develop an individual advocacy framework based on supporting Carers to identify and achieve outcomes