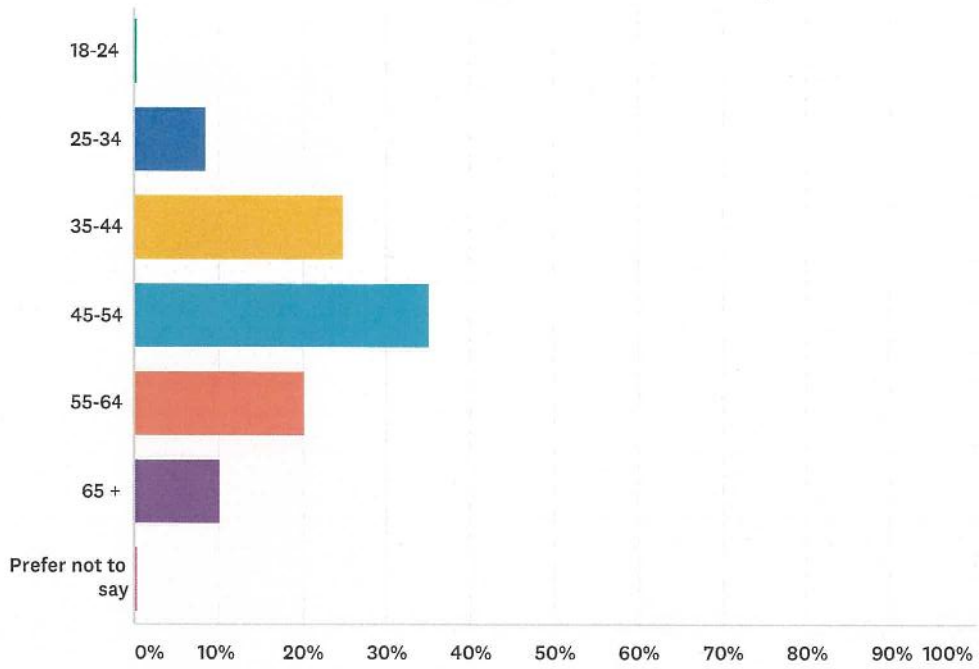


### Q1 Your age group:

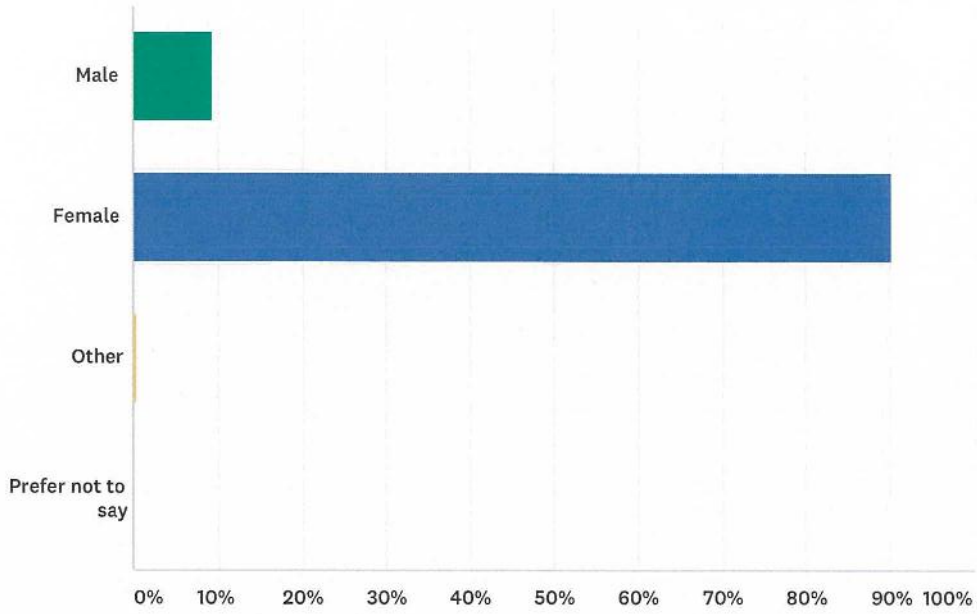
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-24	0.41%	1
25-34	8.68%	21
35-44	24.79%	60
45-54	35.12%	85
55-64	20.25%	49
65 +	10.33%	25
Prefer not to say	0.41%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>242</b>

## Q2 Your gender:

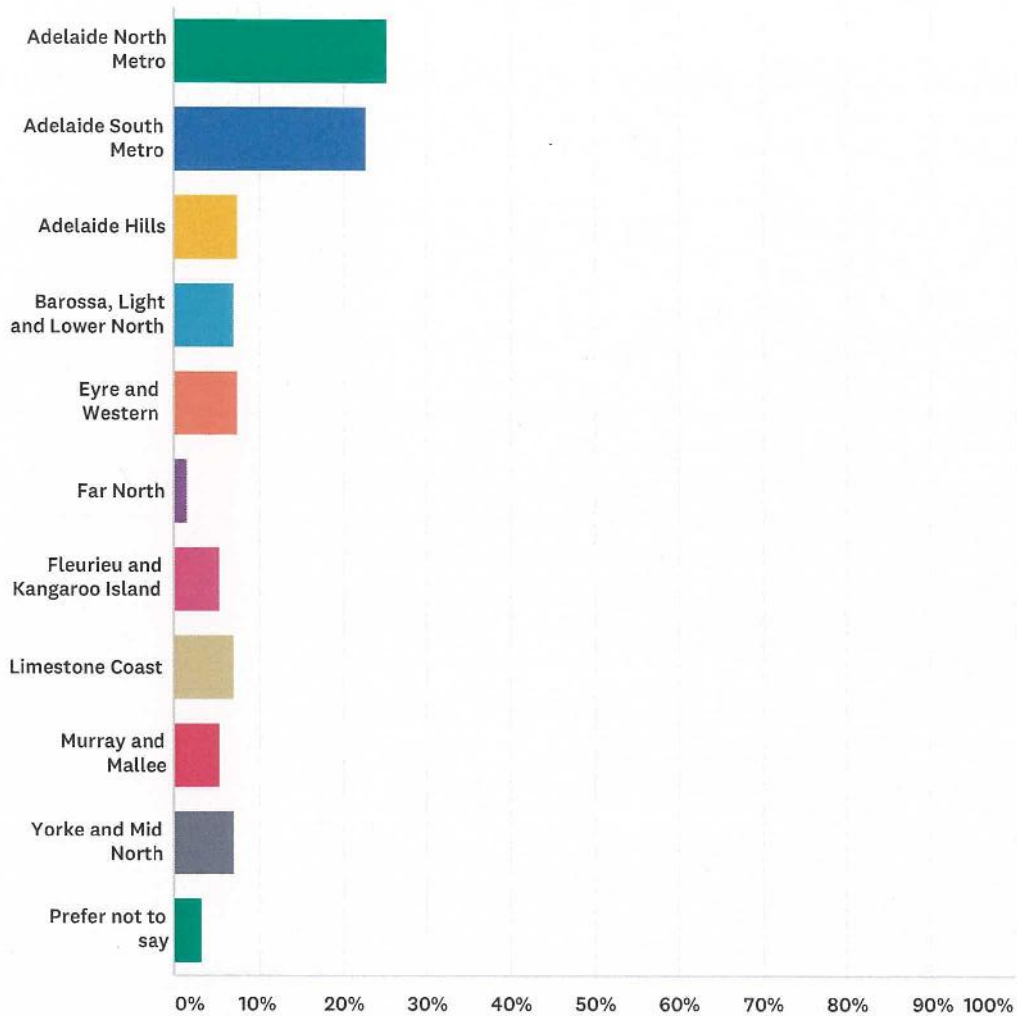
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	9.47%	23
Female	90.12%	219
Other	0.41%	1
Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
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### Q3 In which region do you live?

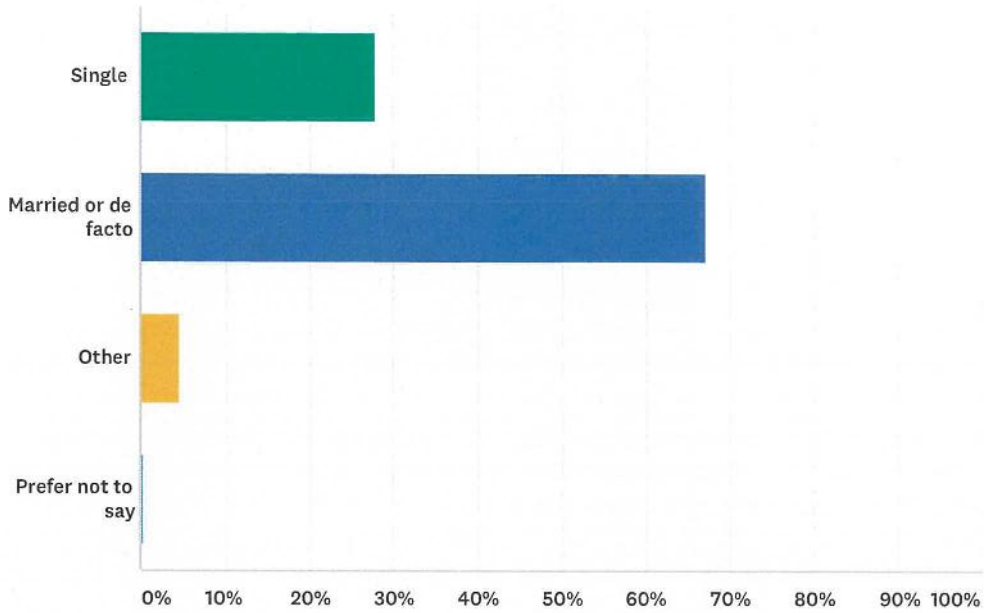
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adelaide North Metro	25.31%	61
Adelaide South Metro	22.82%	55
Adelaide Hills	7.47%	18
Barossa, Light and Lower North	7.05%	17
Eyre and Western	7.47%	18
Far North	1.66%	4
Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island	5.39%	13
Limestone Coast	7.05%	17
Murray and Mallee	5.39%	13
Yorke and Mid North	7.05%	17
Prefer not to say	3.32%	8
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### Q4 Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

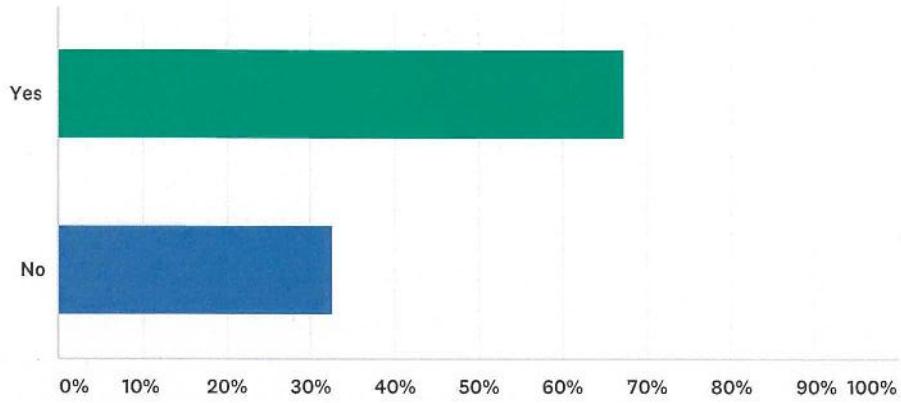
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single	27.87%	68
Married or de facto	67.21%	164
Other	4.51%	11
Prefer not to say	0.41%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>244</b>

### Q5 Do you have a partner who is also a registered Carer living with you?

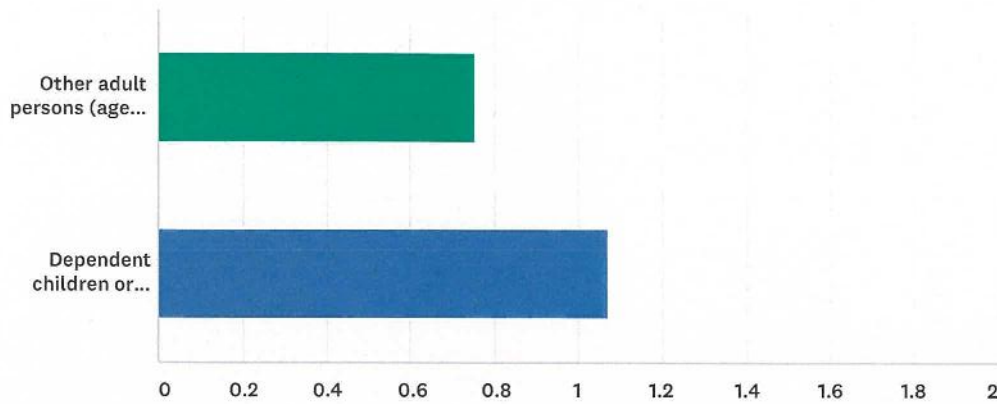
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.36%	163
No	32.64%	79
TOTAL		242

## Q6 Your household status - how many...

Answered: 217 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Other adult persons (aged 18+) are living with you (not including your partner if they are a registered Carer)?	1	136	181
Dependent children or young people (aged under 18) not in foster or kinship care are living with you?	1	211	197
Total Respondents: 217			

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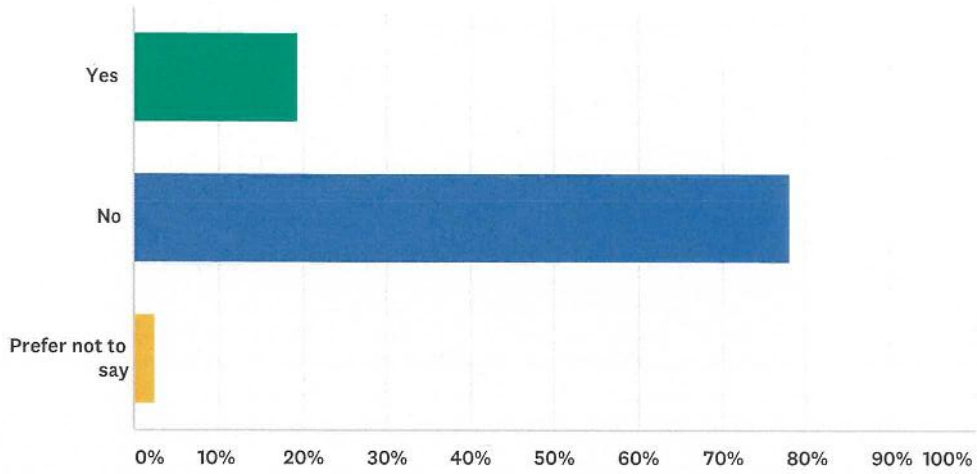
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### Q7 Do you have any other caring responsibilities (for example, caring for a close relative)?

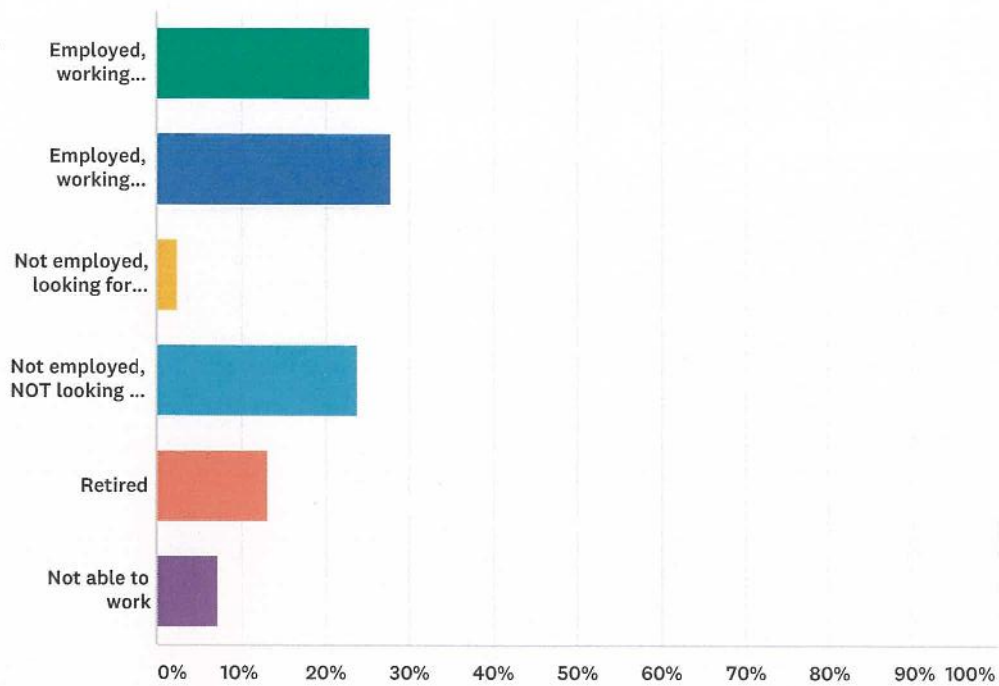
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.42%	47
No	78.10%	189
Prefer not to say	2.48%	6
TOTAL		242

## Q8 Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

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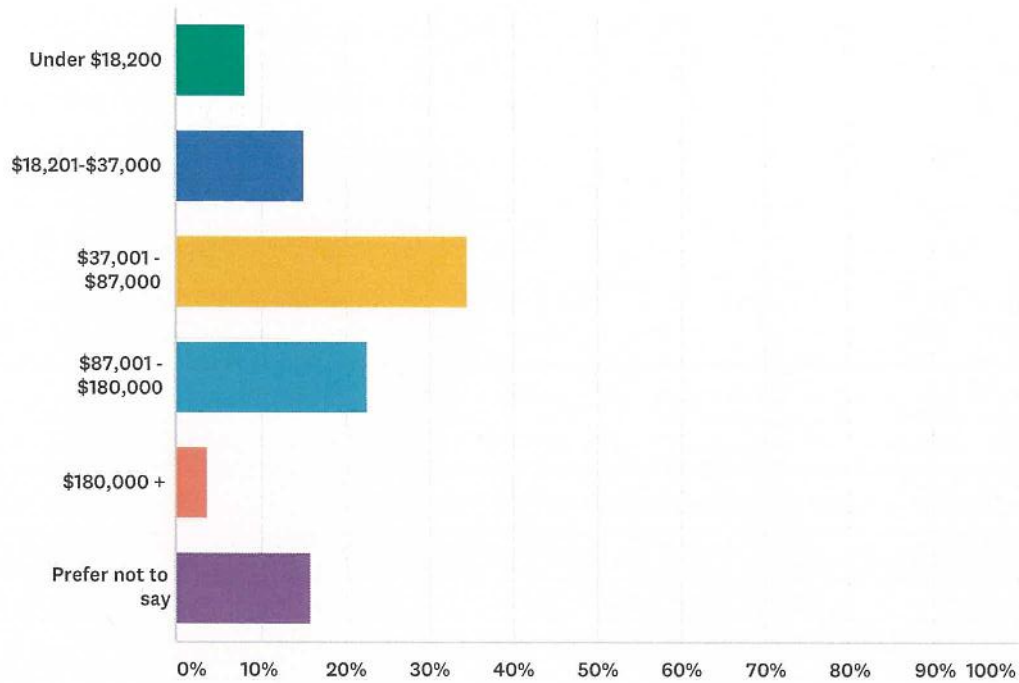


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed, working full-time	25.41%	62
Employed, working part-time or casual	27.87%	68
Not employed, looking for work	2.46%	6
Not employed, NOT looking for work	23.77%	58
Retired	13.11%	32
Not able to work	7.38%	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>244</b>



### Q9 Your income status (total gross income for your household 2016/17 financial year):

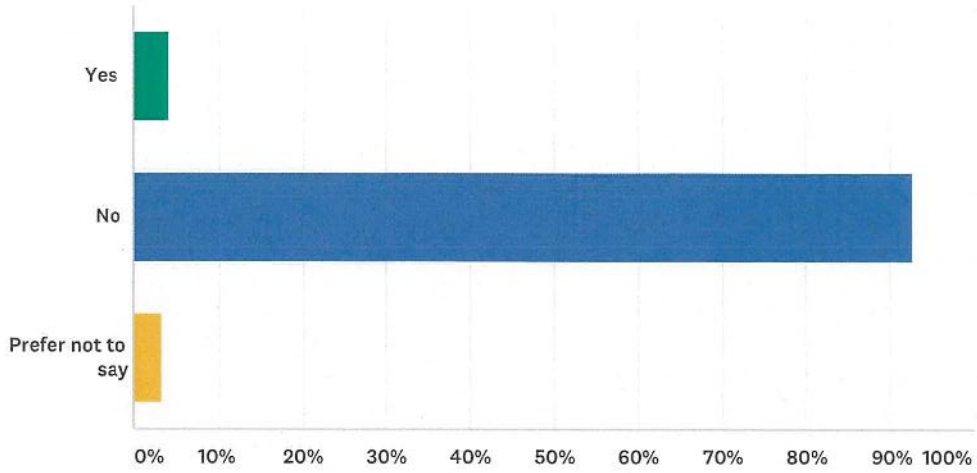
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$18,200	8.20%	20
\$18,201-\$37,000	15.16%	37
\$37,001 - \$87,000	34.43%	84
\$87,001 - \$180,000	22.54%	55
\$180,000 +	3.69%	9
Prefer not to say	15.98%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>244</b>

### Q10 Your cultural status - are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

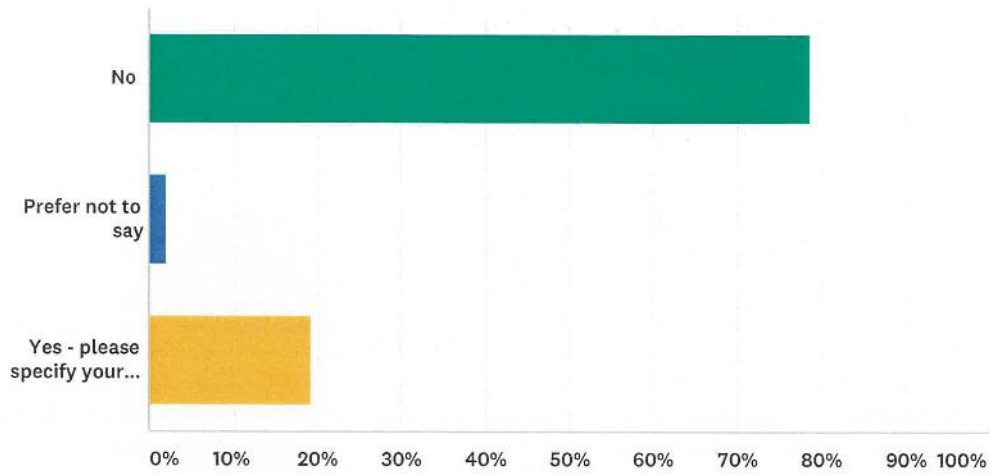
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.12%	10
No	92.59%	225
Prefer not to say	3.29%	8
TOTAL		243

## Q11 Were you born overseas?

Answered: 243 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	78.60%	191
Prefer not to say	2.06%	5
Yes - please specify your country of birth?	19.34%	47
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>243</b>

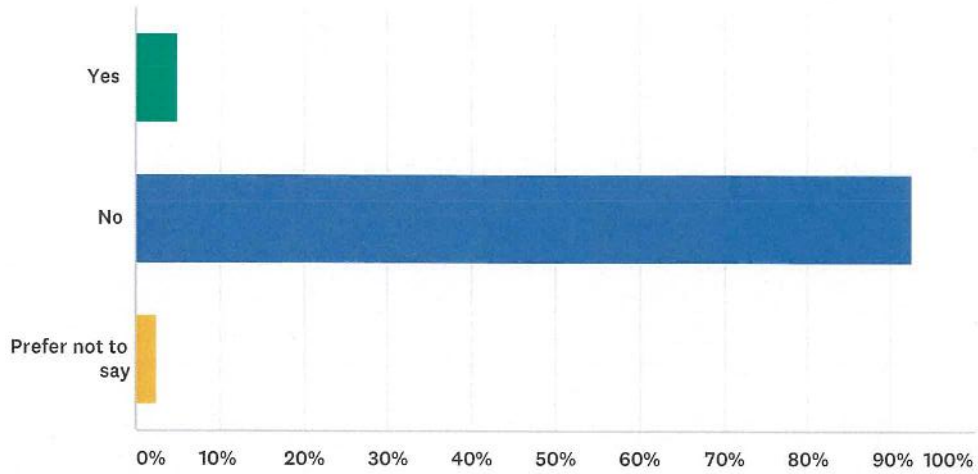
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## Q12 Do you have a disability that you are managing alongside your caring responsibilities?

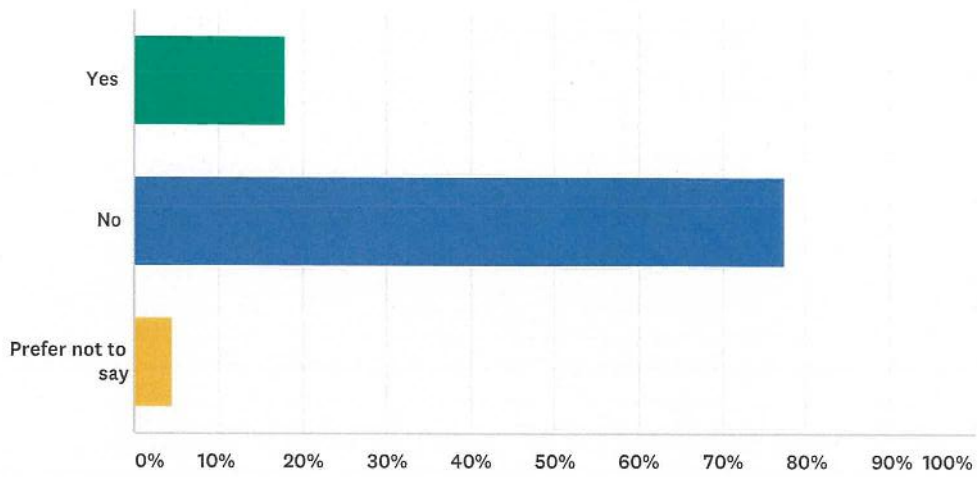
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.96%	12
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TOTAL		242

### Q13 Do you have a chronic health condition that you are managing alongside your caring responsibilities?

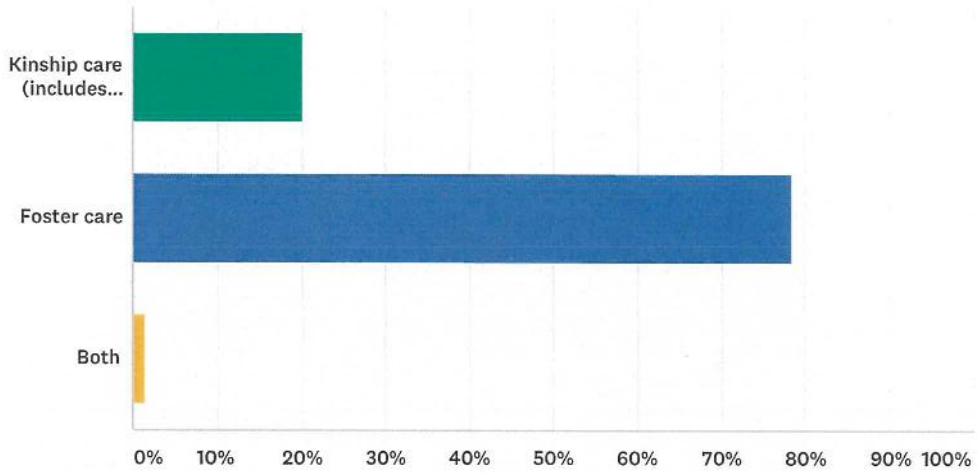
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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No	77.46%	189
Prefer not to say	4.51%	11
TOTAL		244

### Q14 What form of care do you provide?

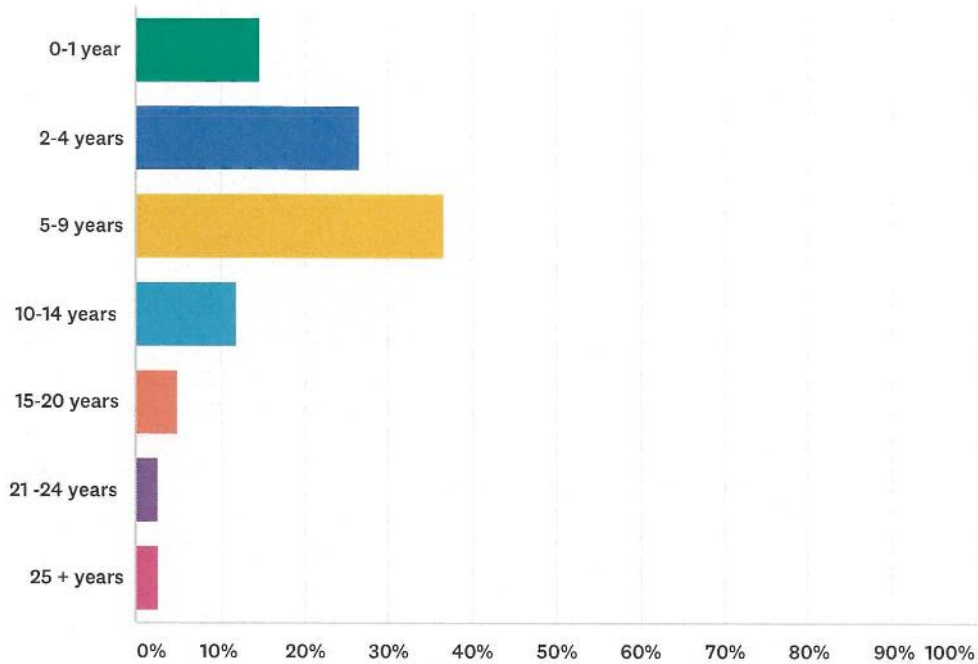
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Kinship care (includes Specific Child Only)	20.09%	44
Foster care	78.54%	172
Both	1.37%	3
TOTAL		219

### Q15 How long have you been a registered Carer?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 27



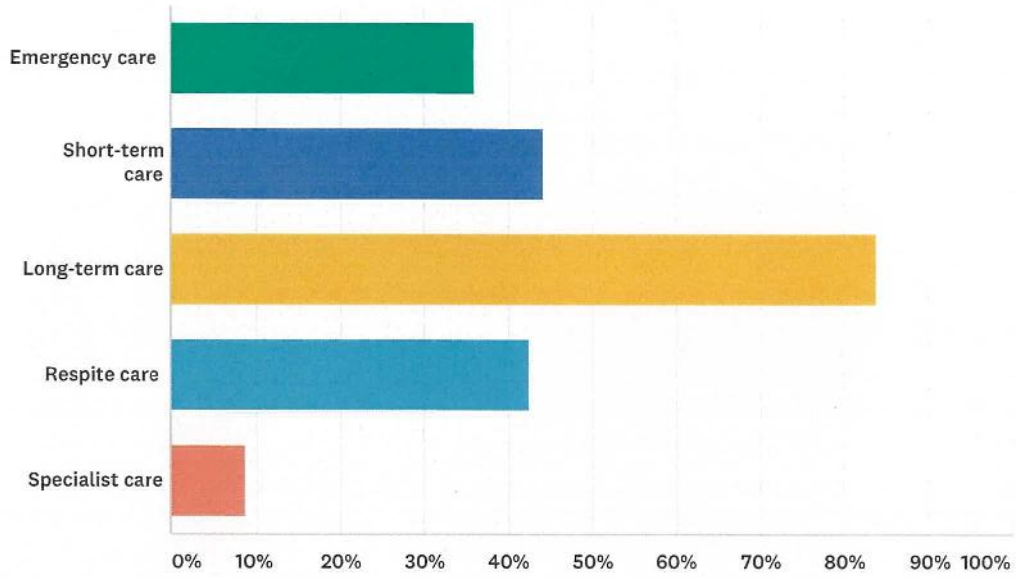
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-1 year	14.61%	32
2-4 years	26.48%	58
5-9 years	36.53%	80
10-14 years	11.87%	26
15-20 years	5.02%	11
21 -24 years	2.74%	6
25 + years	2.74%	6
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### Q16 What type/s of care are you approved to provide?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Emergency care	35.94%	78
Short-term care	44.24%	96
Long-term care	83.87%	182
Respite care	42.40%	92
Specialist care	8.76%	19
Total Respondents: 217		

**Q17 How many children and young people have you cared for? (the number of children and young people who have been placed with you for foster or kinship care):**

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**Q18 How many children and young people are currently living in your home? (the number of children and young people who are living with you for foster or kinship care). If this changes regularly, please base your answer on your household for the previous night.**

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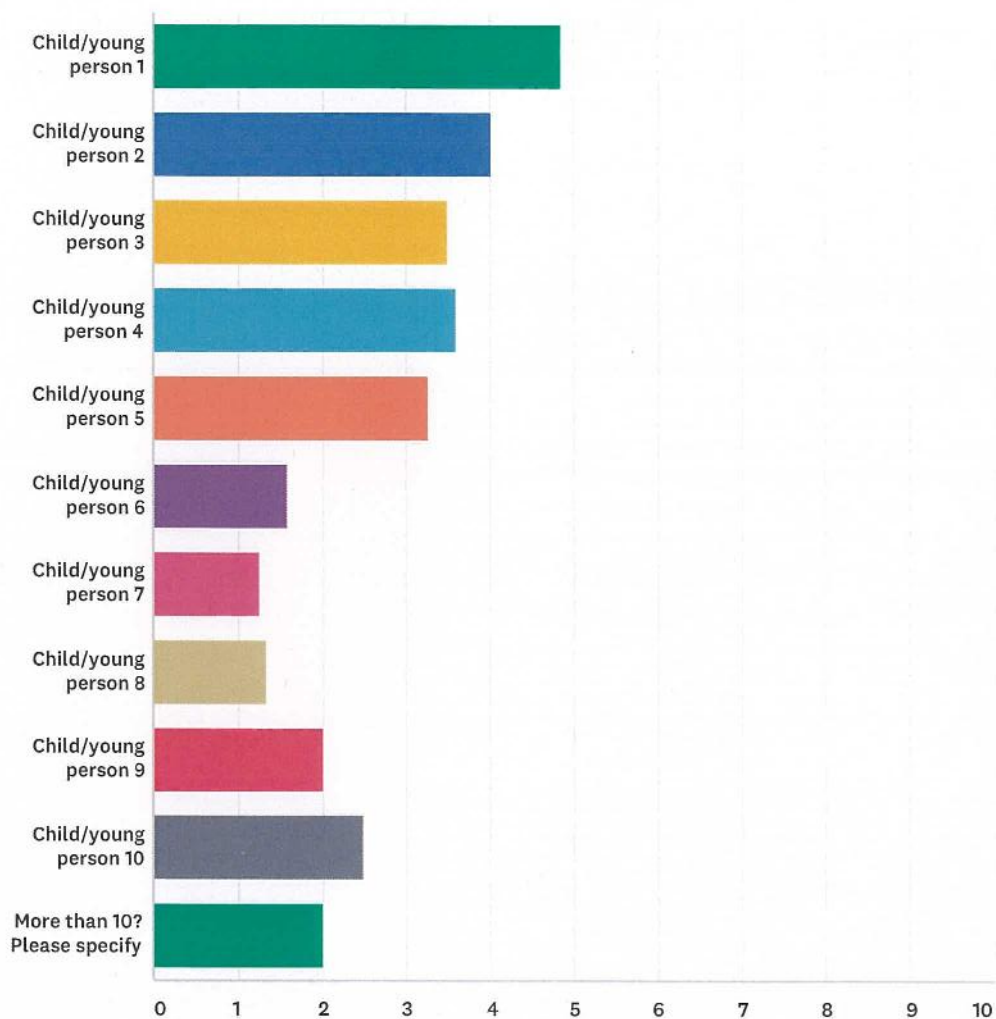
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### Q19 How long has each child or young person been in your care (enter number of years)?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Child/young person 1	5	984	203
Child/young person 2	4	473	118
Child/young person 3	4	168	48
Child/young person 4	4	72	20
Child/young person 5	3	36	11
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Child/young person 7	1	5	4
Child/young person 8	1	4	3
Child/young person 9	2	6	3
Child/young person 10	3	5	2
More than 10? Please specify	2	4	2
Total Respondents: 203			

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## Q20 How long do you intend to continue as a registered Carer (number of years)?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 44

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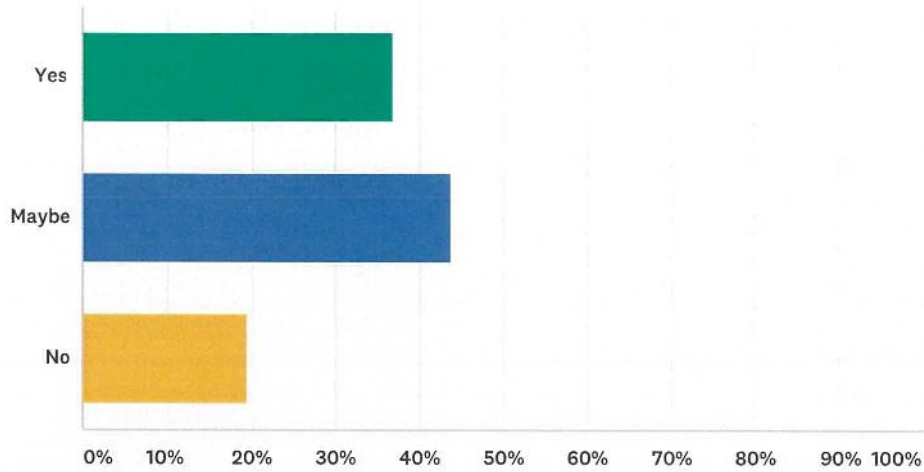
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## Q21 Would you recommend to a close friend or family member that they become a Carer?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.87%	80
Maybe	43.78%	95
No	19.35%	42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>217</b>

#	WHY?	DATE
1	it is up to them	7/31/2017 8:02 PM
2	Kids keep getting moved around and say they want to stay as they are a family here	7/31/2017 9:20 AM
3	I would not like to see them subjected to the treatment I have received by the DCP	7/29/2017 5:08 AM
4	It's hard, and at times, frustrating with little real support.	7/28/2017 8:18 PM
5	to be a foster carer is to totally abdicate any and all of your legal rights	7/28/2017 9:50 AM
6	Because the best thing you can do for your family is this	7/27/2017 11:21 PM
7	Fulfilling work	7/27/2017 10:43 PM
8	Dept is unsupportive, dishonest, inefficient and cruel. Kids come with extreme problems and not warned, educated or recognised. ....	7/27/2017 10:10 AM
9	depends who it is	7/27/2017 9:14 AM
10	The beneficial rewards of caring are many	7/27/2017 8:46 AM
11	Process involved, dealing with workers	7/26/2017 9:15 PM
12	The system is broken and needs fixing	7/26/2017 7:13 PM
13	We have no rights as carers	7/26/2017 6:05 PM
14	They may need to take over from me	7/26/2017 3:31 PM
15	I would only recommend it to someone I felt confident had a really good, strong support network - it's much harder than it looks!	7/26/2017 2:39 PM
16	If I could see that they had the right capabilities and skills to take in the role then I would recommend fostering	7/26/2017 2:35 PM
17	It's rewarding to help a young family member have a happy, fulfilling life	7/26/2017 2:08 PM
18	can be very hard not for everyone	7/26/2017 1:56 PM
19	Support should be secure.	7/26/2017 12:10 PM

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20	Unless they enjoy stress, being dismissed, treated as "just the carer"	7/26/2017 12:02 PM
21	Too much frustration with DCP	7/26/2017 11:50 AM
22	lack of information and inconsistencies with little information you do receive. feel like you're being taken advantage of by the system.	7/26/2017 11:36 AM
23	SA is in crisis	7/26/2017 11:33 AM
24	Very rewarding	7/26/2017 11:30 AM
25	has pros and cons	7/25/2017 11:36 AM
26	Caring is the easy part all the processes are the hard part.	7/25/2017 11:28 AM
27	the changing of workers , lack of support especially FSA, the intrusion of privacy	7/25/2017 10:12 AM
28	It would have to be the right person. Because I know we need as many as we can get.	7/25/2017 5:40 AM
29	Having been a foster carer for over 5 years we have experienced many of the negatives that are part of the foster care system. Some of these are very challenging and not everyone would be able to navigate their way through these experiences.	7/24/2017 2:36 PM
30	its the hardest thing Ive ever done. Ive given up my life to care for other peoples children. My life will never be my own. I live under a new set of laws. I feel like a person on home detention. I have lost the freedom I used to have.	7/24/2017 2:24 PM
31	Depends really I wouldn't recommend emergency/short term care unless someone has their own children, or if they are really clear about just wanting to offer short term emergency care. I have seen emergency care turn into short term then longterm care.... theres lots of uncertainty and then the carer is sometimes left heartbroken at the speed of removal and how matters are handled. I think I would definitely recommend longterm as a preference however the system and some staff within the system need to realise that we are not carers... we are family ...and we deserve respect and appropriate support. Theres lot of lack in the system and inequality.	7/24/2017 1:01 PM
32	It would depend on their circumstances : level of insight into trauma, financial stability and support network. I have found foster care a huge responsibility so I think that a lot of resilience, knowledge of trauma and access to support is needed to be successful.	7/24/2017 12:48 PM
33	It's is hard.	7/24/2017 12:29 PM
34	It is rewarding and it makes a difference in the life of a child and more carers are needed	7/23/2017 3:31 PM
35	Extremely stressful, but rewarding	7/23/2017 10:48 AM
36	Giving love and support to kids who need it	7/22/2017 8:46 PM
37	they are already foster carers	7/22/2017 12:44 AM
38	It is rewarding and so many children needing help.	7/21/2017 11:46 PM
39	My older sister is also single with no biological children, she has recently become a foster carer in NSW	7/21/2017 9:57 PM
40	All kids need a loving family to grow up with	7/21/2017 9:24 PM
41	carers are rarely treated with respect. the system constantly "bites", even though dcp need us desperately we are often forgotten when it comes to common courtesy and communication	7/21/2017 8:11 PM
42	The process was complex and too long. Now, that I'm approved, as a single woman, it's very difficult to allow my identified support network to support me as they are constantly questioned. Once they've been identified in the assessment process they shouldn't need to go through check etc. again...it makes asking them to support me difficult. They should be noted on my file.	7/21/2017 7:56 PM
43	it would depend on what type of fostering they want to do	7/21/2017 7:00 PM
44	Because there are so many children who need a normal loving family home	7/21/2017 6:56 PM
45	Many of the children have complex trauma and Child Protection gives minimal information about the children This causes problems especially if they have complex behavioural issues and Carer has no training or skills to cope	7/21/2017 6:50 PM
46	Not enough support for the carer or the the foster child. All these kids come with issues and the carer is left to try deal with it. Very hard to get the right specialists to help with these kids.	7/21/2017 4:51 PM
47	Red tape	7/21/2017 3:55 PM
48	the red tape we have to jump through is ridiculous when there are children living with their birth parents that are far force off and they have no rules	7/21/2017 1:57 PM
49	Biggest problem for us is therez not enough support. We have one child with severe autism and huge behavior problems and really need a break so want to put him in childcare but r told we have to pay for it.	7/21/2017 12:11 PM

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50	Not enough financial and emotional support or understanding from child protection agencies in this and other states	7/21/2017 10:40 AM
51	kids need help	7/21/2017 10:32 AM
52	There are just too many children with nowhere to go	7/21/2017 6:24 AM
53	Some people I know just wouldn't be able to cope. Others would be fine.	7/20/2017 10:13 PM
54	Because children need a loving and safe home	7/20/2017 7:33 PM
55	Rewarding	7/20/2017 5:09 PM
56	It is so rewarding and there is such a need	7/20/2017 4:02 PM
57	while it has challenges it's very rewarding to. Even though this time we've only been carers recently,years back we fostered my brother from 14yrs to adult and now he is very succesful and close to us.	7/20/2017 3:30 PM
58	Lack of emotional support for carers.	7/20/2017 3:29 PM
59	No consistency or respect for role played	7/20/2017 1:48 PM
60	Process is very long and unorganised, we've only just been approved and started the process over 18 months ago, still have no child with us	7/20/2017 1:35 PM
61	Because there are so many children in need of love, stability and a safe home environment	7/20/2017 11:52 AM
62	Very rewarding	7/20/2017 11:07 AM
63	only if they felt strong enough to say no when required & think of their own circumstance/family first	7/20/2017 11:01 AM
64	Until there are significant changes I would not recommend to anyone. The system is completely broken and the gvt don't seem to want to fix it. Carers are treated with total disrespect and punished when they question dcp or fight for their kids. DCP want carers to just do what they tell them to. The level of power hungry bullying staff is too high and unfortunately they target carers	7/20/2017 10:48 AM
65	It's worthwhile and there is a need in the community's	7/20/2017 10:36 AM
66	the community needs more foster carers, however it is a huge commitment and responsibility and can be challenging	7/20/2017 9:44 AM
67	If they genially want to help , yes . If they think for money , no	7/20/2017 8:42 AM
68	It's a part-time job dealing with the DCP, and I feel like I need further study and parenting support to provide adequately for the childs needs. DCP issues tend to take over your life. I have never felt that I have had less personal autonomy than now, and it's a real strain and sacrifice. I would encourage anyone thinking of it, to be aware of these issues and the impact that they have on your life.	7/19/2017 10:17 PM
69	I'd prefer not to say	7/19/2017 9:09 PM
70	It's a very rewarding thing to do	7/19/2017 7:16 PM
71	Its very rewarding	7/19/2017 5:53 PM
72	very rewarding	7/19/2017 5:44 PM
73	Because the carer is treated as a nobody. The carer is the child's new parent! Yet the carer never gets any of the privledges of being a parent. Young DCP workers are allowed to make life changing decisions for the child regardless of the carers or child's wishes. DCP likes to exercise their authority and uses threats to get carers to comply, using the children as objects in a game of who has the power. At the end of it all DCP washes their hands of these children once they reach adulthood and carers are left cleaning up the aftermath well beyond the child turning 18. One of my previous foster children came back to me once 18 and DCP had let her leave care with no Medicare card, and on youth allowance instead of on the disability support that she was entitled to!	7/19/2017 3:58 PM
74	Very rewarding	7/19/2017 2:34 PM
75	Its a huge commitment but worth it	7/19/2017 2:30 PM
76	children need families but the system causes immense sttress and frustration for carers	7/19/2017 2:15 PM
77	Because these children need loving caring homes	7/19/2017 1:31 PM
78	Because young people can become part of a loving family and go camping fishing music , dances, all the things normal people like to do, having their own horse and animals that they learn to care for on the farm. Under guidance so we do activities with them , not for them.	7/19/2017 12:02 PM
79	Because I believe that being a Carer is not for everyone because of its demands	7/19/2017 10:52 AM



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80	Can be very rewarding, need more carers	7/19/2017 7:26 AM
81	Personal decision	7/19/2017 12:05 AM
82	to make a difference in someone's	7/18/2017 12:57 PM
83	it is fulfilling	7/18/2017 12:45 PM
84	LOver the child, however lack of support, respect and assistance is disgusting	7/18/2017 10:39 AM
85	dealing with the departments is hard as they make you feel like your doing it for money, and that your only there to do what they tell you with the children that they care more for than you do. Its hard to get attached to these children yet live in fear that if you dont get along with the case worker she/he will remove them from you to the childs detriment	7/18/2017 10:37 AM
86	It is not what it seems, as a carer your voice is not often heard, if you advocate strongly for your children, you care too much, DCP continue to not give a damn how carers feels, often making decisions based in the families best interests and not the children, DCP continuously change the goal posts.	7/17/2017 2:53 PM
87	Its a very difficult thing to do and not a great deal of support	7/17/2017 9:16 AM
88	lack of commitment to adoption (a) with financial support and (b) (most importantly) with adoptive parents having the right to determine which (if any) birth family access is appropriate (because basically you cannot help children to heal and make a lasting impact with the involvement of people who are so destructive; social workers have no idea how damaging most birth family access is)	7/16/2017 11:40 PM
89	Kids need a stable environment but sometimes it is so hard to navigate for help and the paperwork	7/16/2017 4:00 PM
90	Bullying and mind games carers go through and no support when ask for it	7/15/2017 9:07 AM
91	There is change in the wind. Previous to that the answer would have been NO	7/15/2017 7:39 AM
92	Because of the way the department treats carers with the assumption they are out to rip the system off at the cost of the children's well being	7/14/2017 3:26 PM
93	I'd like someone in the family to be able to take over care if something happened to me	7/14/2017 8:17 AM
94	Lack of support to enable downtime respite from children	7/13/2017 9:43 PM
95	alot of people don't relise how hard it can be and all the hard work to be put into every child all children are different.	7/13/2017 6:14 PM
96	Depends on the personality and the "child fit"	7/13/2017 4:28 PM
97	the payment (reimbursment) isnt equal. family tax A,B centrelink payments are income tested, so i wouldnt put my friends or famly where they also are supporting the children in their care. Plus i see how other carers are treated by sw.	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
98	It's rewarding	7/13/2017 1:16 PM
99	It is the most rewarding and yet challenging thing to do. To give a young child love and for them to feel acceptance is the best gift ever and I feel privileged to be able to do this	7/13/2017 12:04 PM
100	High demand and never get a respite carer	7/13/2017 10:10 AM
101	Because we need more foster carers	7/13/2017 9:15 AM
102	Because there are too may children that need homes	7/13/2017 8:27 AM
103	The need is great, however the experience can be taxing on family and relationships. Hopefully for us, the need will outweigh the challenges.	7/13/2017 8:26 AM
104	It has made life difficult in many respects . My retirement plans are gone. I now recieve \$670 per fortnight. My wife recieves much more for care of children but my money is a problem. When i was working money wasnt an issue.	7/13/2017 6:50 AM
105	Personal cost too high. You give all you have and then the system 'takes' a whole lot more. My personal finances, my mental health, my time, my personal boundaries, my sense of my home being mine, my ability to plan a holiday. Every domain of my life is under scrutiny and at the discretion of other people and their interpretation of me personally and what their role is.	7/13/2017 6:14 AM
106	The rewards that come with being a foster carer	7/13/2017 1:30 AM
107	Depends on commitments and the needs of child they would be getting	7/12/2017 10:19 PM
108	It is rewarding. It is also extremely hard. Dealing with DCP and agency can also be very frustrating.	7/12/2017 9:45 PM

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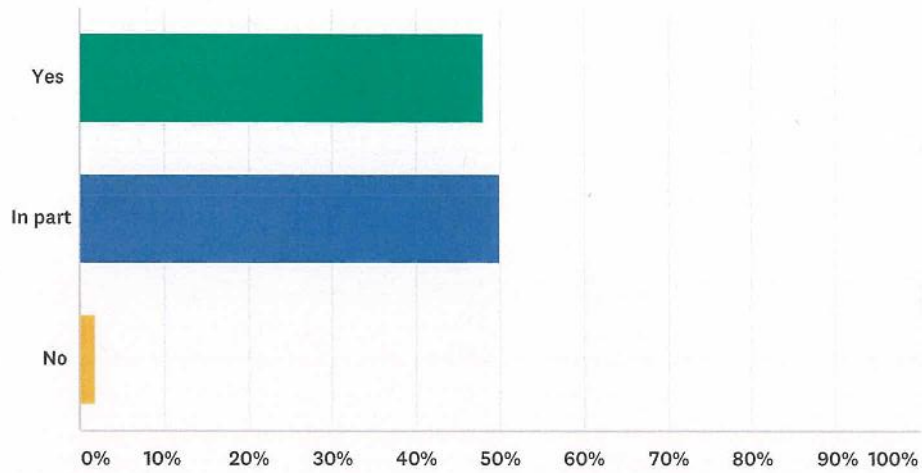
109	It is hard to be a parent to a child who you are told to make like your own child and family but constantly reminded that is not the case. Also the privilege given to the GOM kids with camos programs extra fees etc but nothing and no consideration for biological kids in the same house	7/12/2017 9:42 PM
110	Lack of autonomy, micromanagement, lack of normality experienced by children under guardianship	7/12/2017 9:38 PM
111	It is a very disappointing system.	7/12/2017 9:31 PM
112	Very confusing and little input	7/12/2017 9:18 PM
113	If they wanted a family and were happy to put extra work into it	7/12/2017 9:02 PM
114	As much as the children need it, the system is a shambles, and does not work properly, and does not treat carers properly	7/12/2017 8:54 PM
115	Financially straining	7/12/2017 8:40 PM
116	Because they would be good at it and would add something positive to the kids lives	7/12/2017 8:32 PM
117	Since children went GOM 18 the assigned team only work part time so to get things signed or a decision needs to be done when they work these children aren't part time it's 24/7	7/12/2017 8:16 PM
118	Depends on how strong a person they are, as it is a really hard job sometimes! Emotional stress is huge when dealing with decisions being made that I don't think are practical for the child, or a child being suddenly removed from care without notice, hard on the whole carers family, especially those who don't get to say goodbye due to a child who has been cared for in that family for a long period.	7/12/2017 8:14 PM
119	To provide a young person a stable environment	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
120	I am in a slightly different position from a kinship Carer now as I have been granted permanent custody of my two grand daughters so I might not actually meet the criteria of this questionnaire.	7/12/2017 7:33 PM
121	It is a really hard thing to do but it has its reward in seeing the foster child develop	7/12/2017 7:26 PM
122	Too much stress - very little support	7/12/2017 7:26 PM
123	Once you are in it is impossible to walk away from the children, but the system tears you down. Policy is put before the needs of the individual child. Wants of adults (birth family, SW) are more important than the wants/needs of child and foster parent. The foster parent is seen as being manipulative if they fight against policy or birth family in the best interest of the child. Simple tasks such as school enrolments can not be done by the carer. It's a constant battle to give my little people a normal life. So no I wouldn't recommend fostering as the stress levels are high thanks to political policy.	7/12/2017 7:18 PM
124	I would be wary to recommend. Would depend on the person and their situation	7/12/2017 7:16 PM
125	I certainly would for the children but I'd be hesitant because of the continual impact on our families from the agencies and department.	7/12/2017 7:15 PM
126	Children need loving caring people in their lives	7/12/2017 7:14 PM
127	respect for carer	7/12/2017 7:00 PM
128	Often feel alone and not supported	7/12/2017 6:46 PM
129	Loss of quality of life and couple time	7/12/2017 6:43 PM
130	Have already	7/12/2017 6:24 PM
131	I would like to put yes but you are not treated with respect and treated like a child. I don't believe the system has the best interest of the child in everything they do	7/12/2017 6:16 PM
132	Because some of the kids CPS workers don't do their jobs properly and don't listen to what the carers have to say	7/12/2017 6:14 PM
133	I would recommend but with reservations as the system as it currently stands is a mess	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
134	I feel outside of having my own children it's the most important thing and rewarding that I have done	7/12/2017 6:00 PM
135	Caring for a grandchild is a massive emotional, physical and financial commitment, and can divide the family.	7/12/2017 5:51 PM
136	the lack of support not only from dcp but also agency as well also the lack of feeling apart of the team working in the best interest of the young person	7/12/2017 5:44 PM
137	It depends on the people I am talking with. Fostering can be tough at times, the kids often have difficulties, eg social, emotional and educational. Support for these can be hard to find and hard to get funded.	7/12/2017 5:40 PM
138	because it is very rewarding and a desperately needed service	7/12/2017 5:17 PM

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139	the joy of seeing the children thrive	7/12/2017 5:16 PM
140	For the children	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
141	Because Carers of today are treated like crap and supported by no one	7/12/2017 4:55 PM
142	Being able to provide a loving nurturing home is amazing and rewarding. Watching the young person grow and develop is equally rewarding. Dealing with foster care agency's ,DCP the birth family , courts and red tape is a nightmare	7/12/2017 4:55 PM
143	No support, extremely expensive. Devastating to watch children you care for suffer because you can't access therapy/support that could make a massive difference to their future	7/12/2017 4:52 PM
144	Because its quite stressful and child protection are very invasive with your life	7/12/2017 4:32 PM
145	If they understand the difficulties ups and downs	7/12/2017 4:30 PM
146	It is very rewarding seeing a child grow and blossom.	7/12/2017 4:29 PM
147	For the benefit of the children	7/12/2017 4:22 PM
148	they would have to have very specific qualities for long term care. Short term or respite, yes I would recommend.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
149	To many road blocks from NGO and DCP. Not child focuses enough.	7/12/2017 4:08 PM
150	depends on the circumstances and the child - the department has not been easy to deal with	7/12/2017 4:05 PM
151	Its not a very supported role	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
152	It's very rewarding every child needs a home and love	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
153	If they had the skill, patience and knowledge. Or are willing to learn, these kids are not north mall kids, they have been damaged	7/12/2017 3:51 PM
154	The difficulty is with the system, not the kids!	7/12/2017 3:49 PM
155	expectations from DCP is over the top	7/12/2017 3:49 PM
156	Because kids need a home and it's rewarding	7/12/2017 3:39 PM
157	Most likely not due to how hard the work is and how much inteference and trauma from dept and agency you have to put up with	7/12/2017 3:38 PM

## Q22 Do you feel you have a good understanding of the child protection system in South Australia?

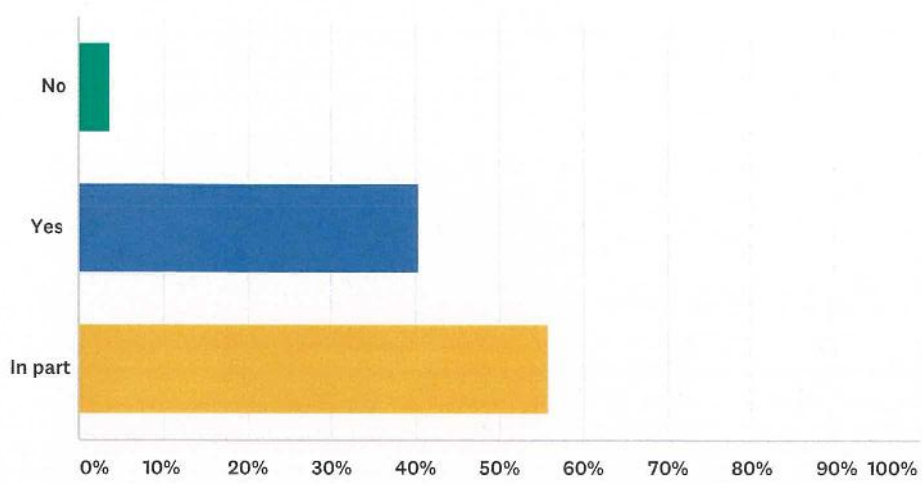
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.15%	104
In part	50.00%	108
No	1.85%	4
TOTAL		216

### Q23 Are you keeping up with the changes occurring across the child protection system in SA?

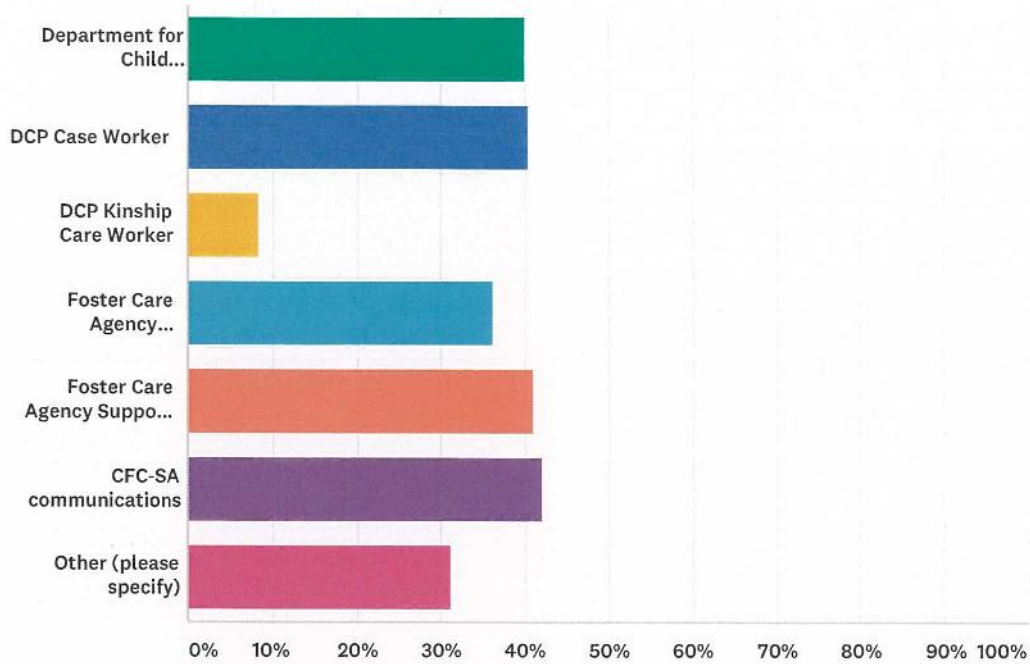
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	3.72%	8
Yes	40.47%	87
In part	55.81%	120
TOTAL		215

### Q24 If you selected Yes or In Part to Q.23, where are you accessing information (select as many as apply)?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Department for Child Protection communications	39.90%	77
DCP Case Worker	40.41%	78
DCP Kinship Care Worker	8.29%	16
Foster Care Agency communications	36.27%	70
Foster Care Agency Support Worker	40.93%	79
CFC-SA communications	41.97%	81
Other (please specify)	31.09%	60
Total Respondents: 193		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	publications on the internet	7/28/2017 9:55 AM
2	Information from training	7/26/2017 7:15 PM
3	Internet	7/26/2017 6:06 PM
4	Research	7/26/2017 12:13 PM
5	support groups	7/26/2017 11:37 AM
6	From my work place	7/25/2017 11:29 AM
7	internet	7/25/2017 10:13 AM
8	support group	7/24/2017 2:26 PM
9	other foster carers and networks/facebook pages etc/Media	7/24/2017 1:05 PM
10	own research	7/24/2017 9:47 AM
11	online	7/23/2017 4:47 PM
12	Support foster care face book page	7/21/2017 11:48 PM

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13	Other carers	7/21/2017 10:03 PM
14	facebook with other carers	7/21/2017 8:12 PM
15	Education department through my work	7/21/2017 7:59 PM
16	The internet	7/21/2017 7:12 PM
17	Connecting Foster Carers & researching DPC website	7/21/2017 2:35 PM
18	Other carers	7/21/2017 10:41 AM
19	O	7/21/2017 6:25 AM
20	DECD	7/20/2017 10:16 PM
21	Carer support groups	7/20/2017 11:53 AM
22	Friends on line	7/20/2017 8:47 AM
23	own research	7/19/2017 10:19 PM
24	focus group work	7/19/2017 5:05 PM
25	media	7/18/2017 12:58 PM
26	Facebook Foster Group	7/18/2017 10:42 AM
27	talking with other foster carers	7/18/2017 10:40 AM
28	Previous Families SA worker & internet.	7/17/2017 2:55 PM
29	Online	7/15/2017 9:09 AM
30	Peer support	7/14/2017 8:23 PM
31	my own research	7/14/2017 8:19 AM
32	Working with support groups for Grandparents raising Grandchildren and other groups involving children.	7/13/2017 12:06 PM
33	Friends/ forum	7/13/2017 10:13 AM
34	Own research	7/13/2017 9:17 AM
35	Other carers sharing information. No updated reform information has been provided by my Agency or DCP workers.	7/13/2017 8:27 AM
36	Online	7/13/2017 1:32 AM
37	Other foster carers promoting information about changes	7/12/2017 9:48 PM
38	My own reading	7/12/2017 9:46 PM
39	online searches	7/12/2017 9:32 PM
40	Other carers, foster care groups	7/12/2017 9:26 PM
41	News media and foster carers Facebook page	7/12/2017 9:19 PM
42	Support group	7/12/2017 8:55 PM
43	Internet	7/12/2017 8:41 PM
44	Internet	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
45	Office of children guardian	7/12/2017 7:23 PM
46	A couple of my carer friends take the time to ensure that we all have the opportunity to stay informed.	7/12/2017 7:20 PM
47	Foster carer support group	7/12/2017 6:47 PM
48	Web sites	7/12/2017 6:31 PM
49	News	7/12/2017 6:19 PM
50	It is hard to know what significant changes have been made that directly affect the care of the child and the foster family	7/12/2017 6:06 PM
51	SA Government Communications	7/12/2017 5:53 PM
52	media	7/12/2017 5:18 PM
53	on line research	7/12/2017 4:56 PM
54	Own research	7/12/2017 4:56 PM

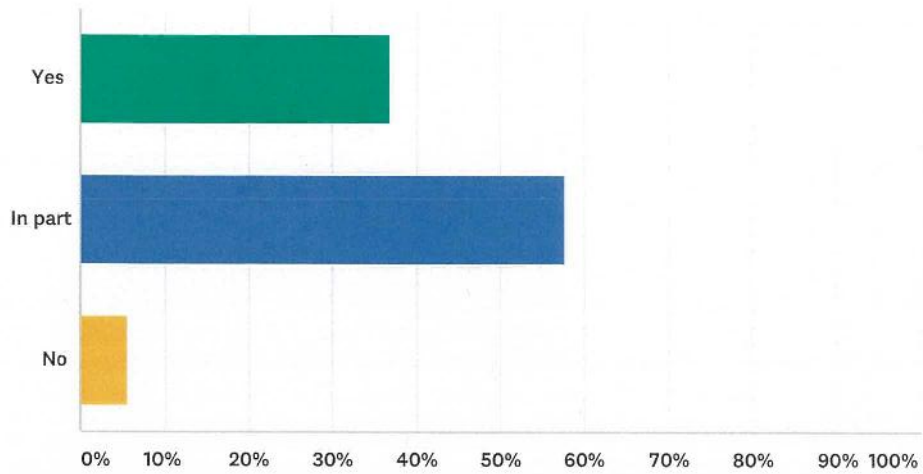
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55	Facebook group	7/12/2017 4:33 PM
56	All relevant information from local, interstate and overseas	7/12/2017 4:13 PM
57	families SA	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
58	Other foster carers	7/12/2017 4:06 PM
59	My employment	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
60	Facebook Group	7/12/2017 3:51 PM



### Q25 Do you know your rights and responsibilities under the current legislation and associated processes?

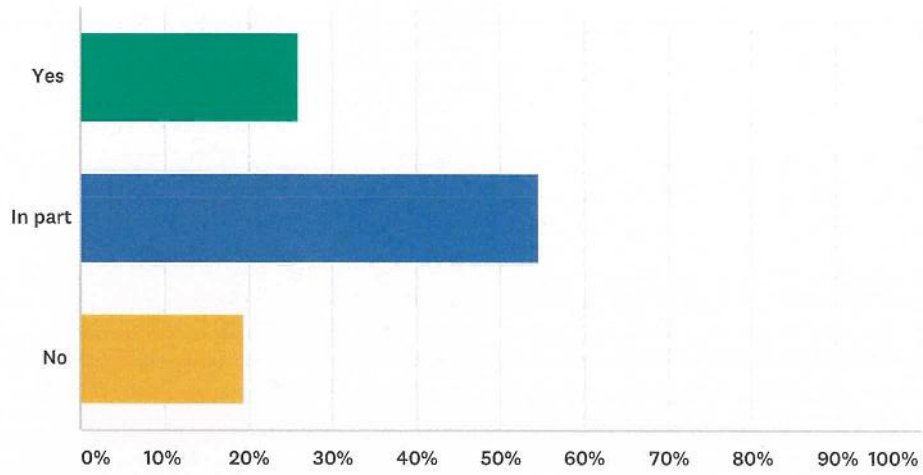
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.74%	79
In part	57.67%	124
No	5.58%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>215</b>

### Q26 Do you know your rights and responsibilities under the proposed Children and Young People (Safety) Bill 2017 (SA) legislation?

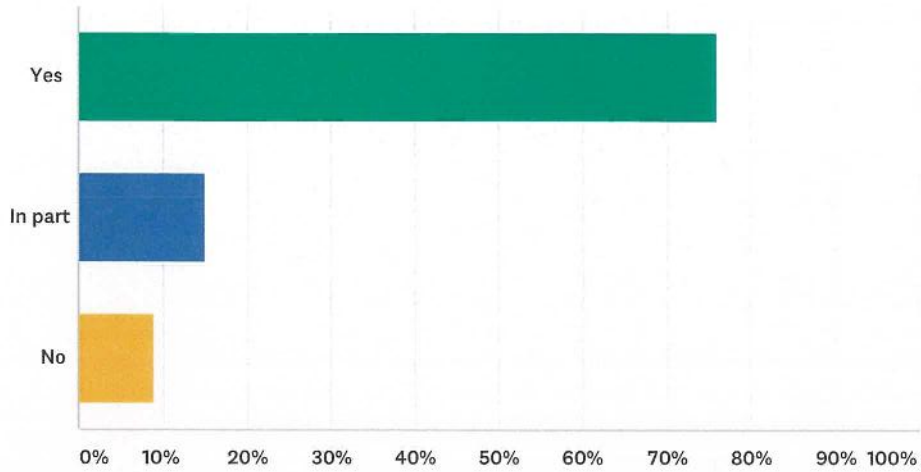
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.93%	56
In part	54.63%	118
No	19.44%	42
TOTAL		216

### Q27 Do you want to know more about the proposed legislation and your rights and responsibilities as a Carer?

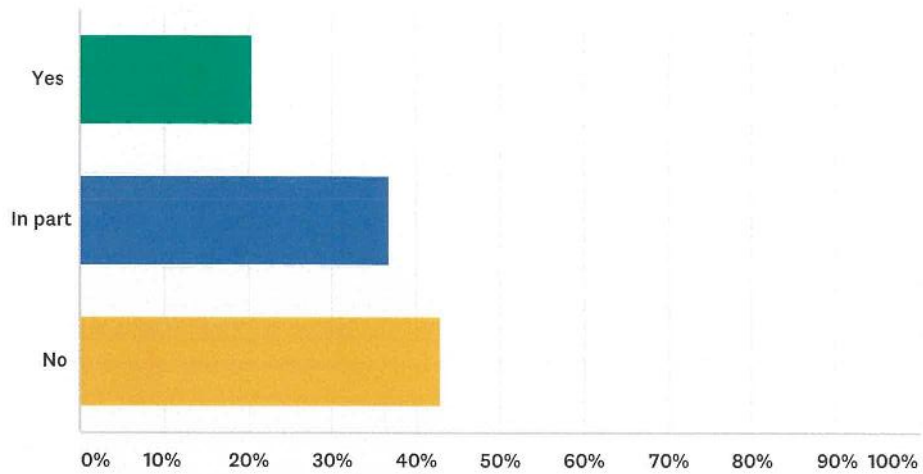
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.94%	161
In part	15.09%	32
No	8.96%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>212</b>

## Q28 Are you informed and kept up to date about your entitlements, including payments and allowances?

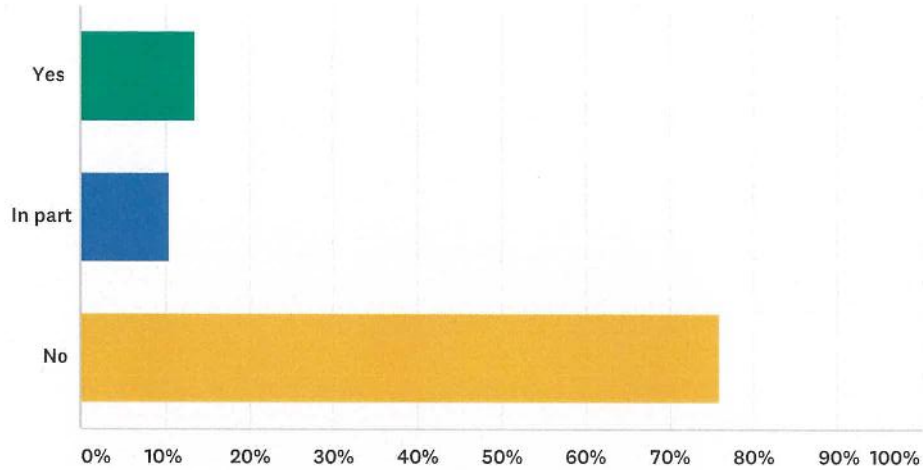
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.47%	44
In part	36.74%	79
No	42.79%	92
TOTAL		215

### Q29 Has there been any impact on your caring role over the past 12 months (or since the release of the Nyland Report in August 2016) that you feel have occurred as a result of system changes?

Answered: 212 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	13.68%	29
In part	10.38%	22
No	75.94%	161
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>212</b>

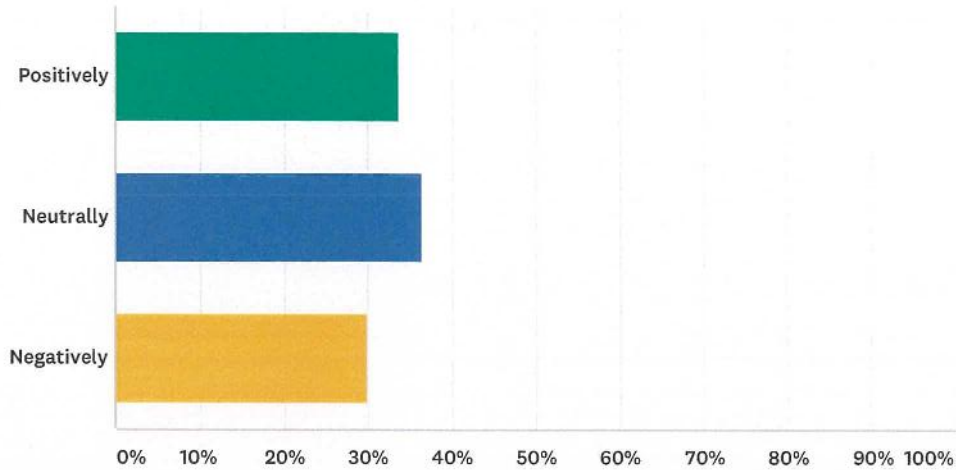
#	IF YES OR IN PART, PLEASE DESCRIBE	DATE
1	Taking 4 months to get a respite placement organised once I was asked to do it	7/31/2017 9:24 AM
2	I feel that has been an improvement in the way I am interacted with by certain cw	7/26/2017 2:37 PM
3	Quite a few case worker changes .Periods of no caseworker. More responsibilities on my part which case worker previously done	7/26/2017 2:18 PM
4	Hope that things can really be managed really	7/26/2017 12:13 PM
5	Depends on the case worker. Murray bridge office choose to ignore the recommendations & continue to do their own thing. However Mt Barker office have made changes	7/26/2017 12:05 PM
6	More difficulty in discussing having another child in our care	7/26/2017 11:51 AM
7	Ac-care is more interested in house safety.	7/25/2017 11:31 AM
8	I feel the family has more say now and more rights	7/24/2017 2:53 PM
9	Change to child care payments - a great move for efficiency and removing double handling. My social worker has always been positive so not much change there.	7/24/2017 1:05 PM
10	I have seen changes made to legislation as a result of my submission	7/23/2017 3:34 PM
11	Childcare fees are now covered upfront rather than reimbursed, but the most important changes seem to be dependent on changing the laws to force judges to make better decisions (I'm not confident this will happen)	7/21/2017 10:03 PM
12	It took longer to get our approval because it was changing during our process.	7/21/2017 9:30 PM

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13	Yes we had an infant in our care for 6 months in short term care over this time. And it was a much smoother process there was more intense working with the parents and they realised that they needed to improve if they wanted their child back. There seems less stuffing around it was good for me as a carer because I was kept informed about timelines. It was better for our baby because she was not left waiting for a long time for a decision to be made for her future. And because she could go back to them after 6 months with us she was still able to form a healthy attachment with them. I am really happy that they made the guidelines much shorter for decision making.	7/21/2017 7:12 PM
14	Change from FSA to CPU and change of workers What the roles and responsibilities of the workers we have contact with As A Foster carer I have never seen a care plan or been involved with forming one and it is written in the Charter for CPU workersBehaviouralissues with	7/21/2017 6:59 PM
15	more frequent home visits	7/21/2017 6:11 PM
16	More regular Home Visits by Support Worker and some DPC Case Workers	7/21/2017 2:35 PM
17	More training is now required	7/21/2017 12:15 PM
18	Our short term placements went long term after 1 12 month order, not multiple	7/20/2017 9:26 PM
19	lots more training and longer drawn out process to be approved	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
20	Less support	7/19/2017 2:35 PM
21	its as if the office is getting very secretive with the dealings, it is am impression that they do not want to lose control	7/18/2017 10:40 AM
22	DCP making changes but not always in conjunction with carers.	7/17/2017 2:55 PM
23	Maybe easier pathway for financial approvals for some things?? Don't need central approval?? Not sure if as a result of Nyland.	7/16/2017 11:42 PM
24	Under Resourcing for DCP office staff has not been addressed. We are now in a differential response position. I am concerned that good staff are burning out quickly	7/15/2017 7:45 AM
25	Change to how child care fees to be paid	7/13/2017 9:45 PM
26	I havn't gone back to work since starting FC.	7/13/2017 1:52 PM
27	My rights as a carer have increased and the penalties for breaches have decreased	7/13/2017 11:25 AM
28	Carers having more say in outcomes eyc	7/13/2017 8:28 AM
29	Case worker is getting harder to contact.	7/13/2017 6:53 AM
30	Trouble accessing NDIS in full. Not able to be a child representative, not able to access myPlace and not able to have plan or self managed funds, which severely limits opportunities for supports in regional areas.	7/12/2017 9:48 PM
31	My opg process has begun	7/12/2017 9:04 PM
32	Less delays with approval for holidays and camps	7/12/2017 7:50 PM
33	I feel there is more scrutiny on the role and more involvement with case workers	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
34	I have noticed my girls' CW to be more accepting of my input.	7/12/2017 7:20 PM
35	Social workers more proactive	7/12/2017 7:16 PM
36	My right as a paternal grandmother/past career now a respite career.Visitation of 1 hour a month to one granddaughter that's been separated and then to one weekend a month for the other granddaughter.Due to a operation in 2016.I am a qualifed senior Childcare worker and their previous career ,yet with one granddaughter its a supervised visit in a office for 1hour a month in which I travel 2.5hrs each way to see her,I have no criminal record or have done nothing wrong but I am treated like this.	7/12/2017 6:31 PM
37	DCP are better and keeping me informed	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
38	DCP have decided I'm doing such a good job that I no longer need a DCP Kinship Worker!!!! So who do I talk to?	7/12/2017 5:53 PM
39	To new a carer to answer	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
40	Progression with opg	7/12/2017 4:56 PM
41	Financial difficulties due to restrictions in what DCP will fund	7/12/2017 4:52 PM
42	More contact with DoCP than previously	7/12/2017 4:24 PM
43	Changes to slow, DCP still Bio focused and CHILD focused!!	7/12/2017 4:13 PM
44	Financial payments previously denied were re-instated	7/12/2017 3:51 PM

### Q30 How do you feel foster and kinship care is viewed by the general public?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Positively	33.64%	72
Neutrally	36.45%	78
Negatively	29.91%	64
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>214</b>

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	i do not know.	7/31/2017 8:06 PM
2	People comment to me that if kids want to stay the court should listen to them as they are stable and dont want to move around	7/31/2017 9:24 AM
3	Some people think you're an angel, and they couldn't do it; yet others think that children belong with their birth parents, regardless of what happened to bring the children into the care system.	7/28/2017 8:20 PM
4	maligned and slandered by Dept employees and untrue personal information disseminated publically	7/28/2017 9:55 AM
5	The fact that there is a snap that stigma campaign says it all really.	7/27/2017 11:23 PM
6	Except people think foster kids are naughty kids	7/27/2017 10:44 PM
7	Mixed. Most people say it is a positive thing for others to do but that they wouldn't want to do it themselves.	7/27/2017 8:02 AM
8	All of the above	7/26/2017 2:18 PM
9	"What's wrong with all the parents?!"	7/26/2017 12:13 PM
10	Often I read comments on social media that foster carers are predictors and abusers	7/26/2017 12:05 PM
11	I am not sure the general public care a lot unless there is a high profile case. I think its easy to say oh you are doing something wonderful however the state of child protection and rate of child abuse demonstrates the value to children to society.	7/24/2017 1:05 PM

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12	I have found that on a superficial level, foster and kinship care receives a positive response from the general public. However, I have found that the reality of children's challenging behaviours resulting from trauma and the difficulty that carers have in helping children to heal from these behaviours, receives a negative response from the public. After seeing the reality of my foster child's challenging and risk taking behaviours, and the impact of these on my life, most of my supports and associations have begun to view caring for a traumatised child as "all too hard", hold views that these children just need stricter discipline or punishment, or are just lost causes. I have seen similar with many other carer families caring for children who have experienced enduring trauma and multiple placements in care. The lack of understanding that the general public has about the impact of trauma on children's behaviour and how to best support children to heal, makes my role harder.	7/24/2017 1:05 PM
13	The standard comment is "Oh I thought about doing that but I could never give them back, you're amazing".	7/23/2017 3:34 PM
14	I think most people think it's too hard	7/21/2017 10:03 PM
15	There's so many ads for carers, but it took over a year for a child to be placed with me. Lots of people viewed that negatively.	7/21/2017 7:59 PM
16	Behavioural issues with foster children attending local schools	7/21/2017 6:59 PM
17	A lot of people believe it is a money maker with no ideas of what really goes into it.	7/20/2017 10:16 PM
18	People often have a bad impression of foster carers and you hear comments re they are only in it for the money etc	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
19	people at work were very positive when I explained my reason for leaving	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
20	Many people would know of it but have no direct contact with foster caring. I would hope that most people would think of it positively as there are many children in need of this care and most carers do a wonderful job	7/20/2017 9:46 AM
21	This box is not big enough for my rant	7/20/2017 8:47 AM
22	most people i come across have very little knowledge about foster care.	7/19/2017 8:29 PM
23	Both positive and negative as people don't understand what fostering is. They assume it is adoption.	7/18/2017 10:42 AM
24	even from professionals you get comments that the children will be problem children or have issues, however most general population are supportive that we are willing to do this for a child	7/18/2017 10:40 AM
25	Bit of positiveness and negativeness.	7/17/2017 2:55 PM
26	I don't really know how it's viewed but almost everyone who knows me well would never do it because of my experience.	7/16/2017 11:42 PM
27	Some individuals dont like foster kids in their area. Others think we are doing a wonderful job	7/16/2017 4:04 PM
28	Witnessing what Carers go through puts them off the procedure	7/15/2017 9:09 AM
29	Angelically? Like we are angels/heros, or incredibly stupid!	7/15/2017 7:45 AM
30	People offer praise for caring role many say they couldn't do it	7/13/2017 9:45 PM
31	Over and over again I hear "we only do it for the money" "we could never give the child back" The children are too damaged"	7/13/2017 1:52 PM
32	They admire us but say they couldn't do it. They think we get paid heaps too, which of course we don't.	7/13/2017 1:20 PM
33	As something they feel they couldn't do, but how wonderful we are to be doing this is the most common comment made	7/13/2017 11:30 AM
34	There is still a stigma attached to families that provide care and children in the system as they are treated differently to other children (not by me though)	7/13/2017 11:25 AM
35	People always say that's awesome that you care but I couldn't do it	7/13/2017 9:17 AM
36	Community education needed	7/13/2017 8:28 AM
37	People have told me they wouldnt do it.	7/13/2017 6:53 AM
38	Seen as too difficult and process of approval time consuming	7/12/2017 10:21 PM
39	People say oh thats nice i couldn't do that. The system is not usable. We were forced to take on the child in care with us or she would end up in a group home. The support promised has not come the help needed has not been there	7/12/2017 9:46 PM
40	I think people outside the system think that it is a very worthwhile, altruistic thing to do, without realising the huge sacrifices and battles that carers can face to get the best outcome for the children in their care.	7/12/2017 9:42 PM



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41	People always ask why we do it. And they couldn't do it.	7/12/2017 9:34 PM
42	Media often portray carers in a bad light if there has been an incident within the system	7/12/2017 9:26 PM
43	Unless people have had to care for children especially older people, I don't think many ordinary citizens have much idea of what caring for children who are not one's birth children involves both physically and financially.	7/12/2017 7:37 PM
44	We are quite often portrayed badly in the media. The comments following news articles can be quite scathing towards carers, however there are also many positive comments too.	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
45	Because of lots media publicity mainly bad foster children are often viewed differently by the public	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
46	Biological families believe foster carers are responsible for the removal of their children and they, and many others, believe we receive large amounts of money for parenting these children.	7/12/2017 7:20 PM
47	The CPA doesn't help with this. They are viewed negatively	7/12/2017 6:19 PM
48	Not enough reports to the child abuse report line are actioned and that leaves people doubting the systems credibility	7/12/2017 4:16 PM
49	It's a very challenging thing to be a carer and it is not for most people, you have to be selfless and prepared to give up your life for these kids in care because nobody else in the system will advocate for the kids.	7/12/2017 4:13 PM
50	the carers are viewed positively, the Department negatively.	7/12/2017 4:12 PM
51	We feel that you often hear of the very negative fostering situations and that unhappy foster carers often seem to have the loudest voices. There are definitely things that need to be made to the system but it's rare to hear positive stories (and ours so far has been positive).	7/12/2017 4:05 PM
52	Need more people to understand the system and to help these children	7/12/2017 3:55 PM
53	It distresses me that news media and drama tv always portray abuse in care stories, rarely positive ones. Oh and the few positives are always about carers who've had hundreds of children come through. What about those of us who made a long term commitment to one or a few?	7/12/2017 3:42 PM
54	Carers are great & the system sucks - balance each other out	7/12/2017 3:41 PM

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Q31 What is working well for you and your family?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 82

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	follow up with our Anglicare worker is positive. Ongoing training keeps us in contact with topical training as they arise	7/31/2017 8:10 PM
2	Matched up well for sure	7/31/2017 9:27 AM
3	Unconditional Love	7/29/2017 6:13 AM
4	We have had a long term worker (who left the dept last week), so there was consistency and rapport.	7/28/2017 8:25 PM
5	nothing	7/28/2017 9:57 AM
6	Having stability with the case worker , being able to have a say in access and how it's working for our family .	7/27/2017 11:27 PM
7	Having foster child is enriching my life	7/27/2017 10:49 PM
8	We have a close and supportive relationship.	7/27/2017 11:07 AM
9	being left to parent this child as i would my own children	7/27/2017 9:19 AM
10	My whole family enjoys interacting with my respite foster child. Although there have been some emotional outbursts, my foster child is coping well now.	7/27/2017 9:09 AM
11	Agency support. Good placement matches.	7/27/2017 8:06 AM
12	talking with others and making sure we r heard	7/26/2017 9:55 PM
13	We have 1 g o m 18 child in our care and are happy with how this is going.	7/26/2017 7:20 PM
14	Contact and support from Kinship and FSA	7/26/2017 3:39 PM
15	Using our own professional knowledge to provide care for our foster son	7/26/2017 2:48 PM
16	The support we receive from our agency LCC, the training I get an opportunity to attend	7/26/2017 2:40 PM
17	Can live our lives as a normal family.Supports when needed	7/26/2017 2:30 PM
18	We are allowed to make most decisions for ourselves	7/26/2017 2:14 PM
19	better communications with social worker	7/26/2017 2:00 PM
20	We are alive.	7/26/2017 12:16 PM
21	day to day responsibilities manged within the home enviromnet	7/26/2017 11:40 AM
22	Our support worker form Angilcare,the previous help we got from CAHMS, which has stopped, normal life is going ok, access varies	7/25/2017 4:30 PM
23	The constant routine we have have	7/25/2017 12:26 PM
24	emergency only	7/25/2017 11:40 AM
25	My kids social worker is very very child focused, it's awesome.	7/25/2017 11:34 AM
26	Social work and case worker are both amazing	7/25/2017 5:44 AM
27	Support from Foster Care Agency and DCP Social Workers	7/24/2017 7:06 PM
28	Having routines Access visits Contact with DCP Caseworker	7/24/2017 2:46 PM
29	reduction in access visits for children access to CAMHS Support group	7/24/2017 2:31 PM
30	Clear communication about agency roles and expectations of each member of the care team. Members of the care team listening to my assessments and views on what's in the best interests of my child and I. Members of the care team being accountable and timely in following through on the actions they've agreed to. Agencies being responsive to our needs and listening to my child and I in the level of support that we do or don't need, rather than using a blanket case management approach.	7/24/2017 1:29 PM
31	We are very happy and a solid family unit . Our relations and friends have accepted our children as they would any other family.	7/24/2017 1:12 PM
32	The placement is amazing.	7/24/2017 12:31 PM

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33	interaction with our grand children and foster children	7/24/2017 11:32 AM
34	our family unit and dynamics	7/24/2017 10:31 AM
35	enjoy helping others	7/23/2017 4:48 PM
36	We have a good relationship with our support worker and DCP workers.	7/23/2017 3:42 PM
37	Agency Support	7/23/2017 10:50 AM
38	I am a single so my children I care for have no problem	7/22/2017 12:58 AM
39	We are bonding extremely well (me and the children and the children with each other) and I have a good relationship with the social workers.	7/21/2017 10:30 PM
40	Having less access. Access confuses the child and reinforces their feeling of loss.	7/21/2017 9:46 PM
41	having a fabulous case worker makes all the difference. someone that replies to emails and phonecalls in a timely manner. someone that makes sure we are kept in the loop about information about the child in our care	7/21/2017 8:16 PM
42	Support worker for myself and child are both good and supportive/helpful.	7/21/2017 8:01 PM
43	Currently working with the Principal of our local school to address behavioural problems Foster child had complex issues where he would verbally abuse teachers destroy school property disrupt classes threaten suicide run out of class often suspended from attending school and is not permitted to attend local OSHC 3 in total due to his behaviour	7/21/2017 7:23 PM
44	she is considered my child she is family	7/21/2017 7:04 PM
45	Good case manager	7/21/2017 4:00 PM
46	The kids are going well	7/21/2017 2:36 PM
47	our child has slotted in well	7/21/2017 1:59 PM
48	Support from ac care	7/21/2017 12:20 PM
49	Finally having medical and other health service supports in place for child.	7/21/2017 10:56 AM
50	all of us being on the same page supporting me	7/21/2017 10:35 AM
51	My foster child lives with me gom 18 and just the minimal involvement so life can be normal	7/21/2017 6:28 AM
52	Being able to use child care and not having to pay up front	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
53	We have a great support worker from our ngo and our placements have an exceptionally good case worker who is very child focussed	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
54	Our routine and structure and being organised.	7/20/2017 5:48 PM
55	Support from key assets and DCP is appreciated	7/20/2017 4:12 PM
56	Great support by DCP social worker	7/20/2017 3:42 PM
57	still working out what approach works. Just need to try different things.	7/20/2017 3:40 PM
58	Lovingly firm boundaries.	7/20/2017 3:34 PM
59	Support from foster agency	7/20/2017 1:53 PM
60	The child we have in our family has fitted in every well. Happy and reasonably health and bring great joy.	7/20/2017 1:16 PM
61	Our unrelenting love for our boy. Challenges are difficult, but we work through them one day at a time	7/20/2017 11:56 AM
62	behaving like we are a normal family brought together through love and support. routine and firm boundaries and doing things together as a family.	7/20/2017 11:16 AM
63	Being able to have support when needed	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
64	Long term care with more say with day to day life	7/20/2017 11:02 AM
65	When we can manage our needs by ourselves things go well. I'm tired of being micromanaged and having decisions made for my kids that impact us with very little consultation.	7/20/2017 10:56 AM
66	Support worker	7/20/2017 10:38 AM
67	frequency of respite placements, flexibility to fit in well with our non foster caring life, regular support from Anglicare	7/20/2017 9:56 AM
68	Being respite carers means more flexibility for my family	7/20/2017 8:51 AM
69	Solid connections/communications with our support agency & DCP departments Feeling listened to & acknowledged in the decision making process.	7/20/2017 8:33 AM

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70	Childcare	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
71	That we can say no if we need to.	7/19/2017 9:18 PM
72	it's only early days	7/19/2017 8:36 PM
73	Everything is working well at the moment	7/19/2017 7:18 PM
74	excellent support from our most excellent social worker at DCP . She's FANTASTIC!	7/19/2017 5:08 PM
75	Being left alone to live like a normal family would be nice. Constant accesses with distant relatives, DCP visits, school meetings, phone calls, and the appointments the children need for therapy don't leave much time for normal family life. When DCP respects our school holiday break time that works well for our family to truly relax. Sadly these school holidays have been filled with meetings.	7/19/2017 4:15 PM
76	Support agency	7/19/2017 2:39 PM
77	We are currently living in a remote area so have enough space to live like a normal family with little much intervention by agencies	7/19/2017 2:35 PM
78	family life	7/19/2017 2:18 PM
79	We are yet to have a placement	7/19/2017 1:36 PM
80	Our situation works really well as we are piloting supporting a couple in a relationship to work together and mentoring them for positive outcomes	7/19/2017 12:16 PM
81	The assistance of an independent Family Therapist to help my foster child cope with her issues	7/19/2017 11:01 AM
82	My agency support worker is a gem, and basically our only source of information /advice.	7/19/2017 7:36 AM
83	Working independently with the young people	7/19/2017 12:09 AM
84	Having rules that everyone adheres to. Respecting each others space Consequences for unacceptable behaviour Having a sense of humour	7/18/2017 2:57 PM
85	ongoing respite to all 3 children we have them fortnightly, we will stop when they don't need us anymore, we wont have any other children	7/18/2017 2:05 PM
86	boundaries implemented.. fun activities, encouraging new interests.	7/18/2017 12:54 PM
87	I have a wonderful relationship with my daughter. We communicate well together. We don't have much to do with DCP, which makes daughter feel safer.	7/18/2017 10:59 AM
88	blending the children in and getting along with my grandchildren, being able to freely interact with their natural families to keep the connections	7/18/2017 10:45 AM
89	Wonderful support worker	7/18/2017 9:39 AM
90	Just getting on with the business of caring for the children. The less involvement we have with DCP the better off our family is.	7/17/2017 3:00 PM
91	opportunity to go OPG	7/17/2017 9:23 AM
92	support worker is helpful and has provided emergency funds on a couple of occasions that has been a real lifesaver (we are much closer to the \$87,000 end of the spectrum)	7/16/2017 11:44 PM
93	Respite care. A wonderful lady offered to help. There are no respite care currently on Kangaroo Island. So I am one of the lucky ones.	7/16/2017 4:12 PM
94	minimising DCP and AFSS involvement	7/16/2017 1:09 AM
95	we have a lot of supports in place, both DCP worker and support agency worker are working well for us. supportive school and kindy environments.	7/15/2017 4:26 PM
96	At the moment we are destroyed by the removal of two children in our care due to seeking help and respite. Easier to remove than provide support.	7/15/2017 9:15 AM
97	Stability of placement	7/15/2017 7:49 AM
98	Care team meetings, great dcp case worker, psychologist who sees children and meets with care team to better work with the whole family.	7/14/2017 8:32 PM
99	therapeutic carer support from fresh start program through anglicare.	7/14/2017 3:38 PM
100	My child's social worker is fantastic. When you have someone who is working with you as a team it works for the child's best interests.	7/14/2017 8:23 AM
101	The current school and Oshc facility Time for kids families to mentor children	7/13/2017 9:49 PM
102	We changed our foster daughters last name to ours in the courts so she knows she belongs and we are in for the long haul	7/13/2017 8:26 PM

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103	Children are all safe and cared for well. Children are helped/supported at PRIVATE local school.	7/13/2017 4:40 PM
104	Laying low and not making too much noise.	7/13/2017 1:57 PM
105	Communication with emergency kinship adults	7/13/2017 1:35 PM
106	A good relationship with FSA and our foster agency. We have wonderful kids as well.	7/13/2017 1:23 PM
107	Trust	7/13/2017 12:09 PM
108	OUr current DCP worker is amazing and a strong advocate for his needs	7/13/2017 11:37 AM
109	Child care being paid for by department	7/13/2017 11:28 AM
110	Using skills I have gained from working with kids with special needs, and my trainings	7/13/2017 10:20 AM
111	Being able to access support and information from Centacare and DCP.	7/13/2017 9:23 AM
112	We have as little contact with DCP as possible	7/13/2017 9:18 AM
113	A support network of other carers and friends.	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
114	Good supports in place	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
115	Kids are doing as well as expected at school. They are healthy and have been attending Puddle jumper camps.	7/13/2017 7:04 AM
116	Support from DCP case worker	7/12/2017 10:23 PM
117	when you are supported by all departments and agencies	7/12/2017 10:16 PM
118	Little involvement from DCP. I keep the children's case worker up to date, and they respect my ability to support the children.	7/12/2017 9:51 PM
119	Being left alone so we can opporate as a family unit	7/12/2017 9:49 PM
120	Just being a family.	7/12/2017 9:37 PM
121	OPG	7/12/2017 9:34 PM
122	Opg A dcp cw who I've had for over 8 years. She listens, is respectful and honest	7/12/2017 9:29 PM
123	Kinship support worker is helpful Some contact with social workers Payments working now	7/12/2017 9:22 PM
124	I had to quit work to devote more time to my chickadees. This is working well on terms of our relationship building and lowering stress of the girls. It is only possible due to the financial supports available	7/12/2017 9:10 PM
125	We look after the children and their needs extremely well	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
126	Minimal fsa input.. case workers stepping out and not forcing themselves into the children's lives	7/12/2017 8:44 PM
127	The child we care for is doing far better than anticipated and is a beautiful and sometime trying addition to our family	7/12/2017 8:38 PM
128	Being able to function as a family on non access weekends it's very relaxing and great family time	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
129	Caring for babies and toddlers works very well in our family.	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
130	We feel well supported by the case worker and kinship care support worker	7/12/2017 8:25 PM
131	Caring committed family members	7/12/2017 8:03 PM
132	For us the times where we have little to do with DCP works best (for my two long term children) as that was normal when we were unallocated. Unfortunately that has changed, but hoping we will get back to that eventually.	7/12/2017 7:49 PM
133	Difficult to say.....basically, it is one day at a time, however after having my grand daughters living with me for over 3 years now, there is definitely a sense of safety and well being now.	7/12/2017 7:48 PM
134	An intervention program through Anglicare	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
135	The relationship with the child	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
136	What works best now is that DCP and my NGO leave us pretty much alone and that's the way we like it. LOL	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
137	Finding a school willing to support your kids	7/12/2017 7:26 PM
138	Consistency of care for the child	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
139	Ongoing support with Key Assetts / therapists visit/ tutoring	7/12/2017 7:14 PM
140	Being able to make day to day decisions	7/12/2017 7:03 PM

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141	Young person having a sibling stay one weekend a month. Only one of five she sees regularly. Dcp instigated this. Centacare can be supportive	7/12/2017 6:54 PM
142	Nothing at previous.	7/12/2017 6:36 PM
143	I don't have much contact with CPA and Anglicare which is great as my daughter wants to be treated as regular child. Sorry not a lot of positives	7/12/2017 6:28 PM
144	Routien supporting each other	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
145	the connection between our child and ourselves	7/12/2017 6:08 PM
146	I am an OPG Carer, so DCP is OUT OF OUR LIVES! I can make my own decisions about issues relating to the child.	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
147	I have an OPG order for the child in my care. This works well n that it provides long term security of the placement.	7/12/2017 5:48 PM
148	SPACE training	7/12/2017 5:19 PM
149	Fantastic DCP sw. Great communication.	7/12/2017 5:00 PM
150	Having our beautiful daughter as part of our famil	7/12/2017 4:59 PM
151	Getting support from other Carers that know what its like to be foster carers	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
152	Not much at the moment. We have limited DCP support and no anglicare support worker assigned to us despite crisis	7/12/2017 4:54 PM
153	Positive moves in regards to schooling and relationship building. Increased sense of security.	7/12/2017 4:48 PM
154	Our child is considered a part of our extended family. We consider him one of our grandchildren.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
155	Left to manage on our own with minimal interference from others	7/12/2017 4:27 PM
156	regular respite as children are very high needs. support from psychologist, and other services definitely help.	7/12/2017 4:15 PM
157	Clear and open communication lines with DCP case workers	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
158	Reunification	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
159	Communication Honestly Learning Care Therapeutic parenting	7/12/2017 3:57 PM
160	We love him	7/12/2017 3:55 PM
161	Being left to ourselves, mostly, in decision making process for care of our foster children	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
162	We've had one long term DCP worker for many years rather than constant change. This has allowed for stability and consistency.	7/12/2017 3:47 PM
163	Being left alone	7/12/2017 3:42 PM
164	my kinship worker is the person that informs me of most things...	7/12/2017 3:41 PM

## Q32 What supports do you access which help you with your caring role and responsibilities?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Support workers family SA	7/31/2017 8:10 PM
2	Training through agency and phone contact	7/31/2017 9:27 AM
3	Family friends Educational Medical Sports Fitness Recreation	7/29/2017 6:13 AM
4	I tend to access my own supports, rather than use the dept. Past experience makes me wary of trusting the dept.	7/28/2017 8:25 PM
5	none available to US	7/28/2017 9:57 AM
6	Counselling for the children	7/27/2017 11:27 PM
7	Foster care support worker helps a lot and gives me reading and courses which also are invaluable in parenting foster kids	7/27/2017 10:49 PM
8	Monthly respite. Great neighbours.	7/27/2017 11:07 AM
9	fresh start anglicare, she also goes to treetop school for autism	7/27/2017 9:19 AM
10	My support network includes social worker, other respite carers I have met and my family.	7/27/2017 9:09 AM
11	More information on children placed from outside the agency prior to their arrival. More information on cultural background and connections of Aboriginal children if we are expected to support cultural connection during respite.	7/27/2017 8:06 AM
12	fays and centracare	7/26/2017 9:55 PM
13	Support worker	7/26/2017 7:20 PM
14	Respite speech o/t Psychologist and physio	7/26/2017 3:39 PM
15	Working within the foster care sector means I come across a lot of written material as well as involvement in meetings and training which scaffold my knowledge	7/26/2017 2:48 PM
16	Lcc and other carers	7/26/2017 2:40 PM
17	Family, friends, Anglicare Decs other carers	7/26/2017 2:30 PM
18	Good friendships	7/26/2017 2:14 PM
19	the agency we are with and support from child protection	7/26/2017 2:00 PM
20	Kinship meetings / sharing	7/26/2017 12:16 PM
21	None	7/26/2017 11:40 AM
22	we prev had camhs help	7/25/2017 4:30 PM
23	Child care	7/25/2017 12:26 PM
24	AC Care support worker	7/25/2017 11:40 AM
25	Other carers and my family.	7/25/2017 11:34 AM
26	Social worker, case worker, therapist, school, family and friends, church	7/25/2017 5:44 AM
27	Additional financial support for holidays, schooling and activities when requested	7/24/2017 7:06 PM
28	Ongoing training with foster care agency Contact with Foster Care support worker	7/24/2017 2:46 PM
29	support group pyschologist	7/24/2017 2:31 PM
30	Debriefing and planning support from my foster care agency Regular care team meetings Consultations with my child's psychologist to help me provide therapeutic parenting Personal therapy Informal personal support from family and friends.	7/24/2017 1:29 PM
31	No much really Doctor for general issues Child Protective Service for reviews Social worker and support worker I have recently asked for a trauma informed supernanny to help me determine how best to deal with a few issues re our parenting and trauma v normal development. This has resulted in a doctors referral to and OT and speech therapist for on of my girls. If i want more support as a parent I need to access a plan via the doctor!	7/24/2017 1:12 PM

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32	Medical- ot, speech.	7/24/2017 12:31 PM
33	communication with support workers both child protection and ac care	7/24/2017 11:32 AM
34	Nil	7/24/2017 10:31 AM
35	ac care, childcare	7/23/2017 4:48 PM
36	Anglicare support worker	7/23/2017 3:42 PM
37	Agency and DCP support	7/23/2017 10:50 AM
38	AC care	7/22/2017 12:58 AM
39	Most support comes from other carers	7/21/2017 10:30 PM
40	respite care	7/21/2017 9:46 PM
41	agency network support groups facebook groups other carers	7/21/2017 8:16 PM
42	Childcare.	7/21/2017 8:01 PM
43	ACCare support workers and case worker for CPU Friends	7/21/2017 7:23 PM
44	Communication with my case and access workers is probably the most important to me.	7/21/2017 7:22 PM
45	none	7/21/2017 7:04 PM
46	Other caters AC care	7/21/2017 4:00 PM
47	School Councillors	7/21/2017 2:36 PM
48	ac care, dcp, dr's , other agencies	7/21/2017 1:59 PM
49	Family.	7/21/2017 12:20 PM
50	General Practioner Paediatrician Psychologist Speech Therapist Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist Endocrinologist Occupational Therapist (sourcing) In-school support (private school Rec - Yr12), provides routine, structure, security (no change) for a child with RAD and other multiple issues.	7/21/2017 10:56 AM
51	key assets and social worker	7/21/2017 10:35 AM
52	My agency worker	7/21/2017 6:28 AM
53	Support worker. Only been caring for 3 weeks	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
54	Support worker from ngo and support groups	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
55	I have a great support worker with my foster care agency and a wonderful community of family and friends.	7/20/2017 5:48 PM
56	24 hr contact avail with key assets.also respite provided	7/20/2017 4:12 PM
57	Foster care agency training, support groups and social worker as well as other carers	7/20/2017 3:42 PM
58	support worker and also have access to lots of support through the agency we are with	7/20/2017 3:40 PM
59	DCP.	7/20/2017 3:34 PM
60	Foster agency support worker	7/20/2017 1:53 PM
61	COnsulting Lutheran Community Care Support Worker	7/20/2017 1:16 PM
62	Our Foster agency and carer support groups.	7/20/2017 11:56 AM
63	family support. Uniting Care Wes support. Other carers support.	7/20/2017 11:16 AM
64	Childcare	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
65	CCB, CCR, Childcare Payment Support	7/20/2017 11:02 AM
66	Agency worker is biggest support.	7/20/2017 10:56 AM
67	Support worker	7/20/2017 10:38 AM
68	Anglicare support worker, and foster childs social worker at times directly or mostly via Anglicare support worker. Recent participation in school meeting re child, was helpful to know likely school to work transition plan	7/20/2017 9:56 AM
69	Regular contact with our support worker to debrief & discuss plans/ideas for our kids	7/20/2017 8:33 AM
70	An excellent and supportive childcare centre have been by far the best support I have been able to access.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
71	Child care , work , community	7/19/2017 9:18 PM



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72	CAFHS have been amazing	7/19/2017 8:36 PM
73	My network of support	7/19/2017 7:18 PM
74	family and friends	7/19/2017 5:46 PM
75	Respite care and self-care days via Anglicare	7/19/2017 5:08 PM
76	We have a good relationship with the children's maternal family and they are very encouraging and supportive of us. The maternal family would like us to adopt the children, but there's no way that something as seemingly common sense such as birth family permission to adopt, would actually allow an adoption to take place. This would mean a loss of power for DCP and for the children to have a normal life not littered with social workers. A very sad situation when the "the best interests of the child" are said to be paramount, but the reality is the complete opposite.	7/19/2017 4:15 PM
77	LWB team	7/19/2017 2:39 PM
78	Support worker	7/19/2017 2:35 PM
79	NDIS	7/19/2017 2:18 PM
80	N/A	7/19/2017 1:36 PM
81	None	7/19/2017 12:16 PM
82	Help via my supporter of carer through Life Without Barriers	7/19/2017 11:01 AM
83	Respite. Child trauma psychologist. My support worker. Family and friends. Some extra training, eg Ddp, TCI-f.	7/19/2017 7:36 AM
84	My soc and DCP	7/19/2017 12:09 AM
85	Training Respite	7/18/2017 2:57 PM
86	anglicaresa	7/18/2017 2:05 PM
87	regular meetings with support workers, attending information training sessions	7/18/2017 12:54 PM
88	Attachment Psychologist - is amazing! Without her constant assistance and advice I am don't she if I would still be fostering. I highly recommend and actually thing it is essential for developing a relationship with our foster children.	7/18/2017 10:59 AM
89	my older children and spouse are great supports along with extended family, I also get support form one of the childs grandmothers who has a lot of contact. we go internally for support rather than to the department who seem to deliberately misconstrue what i say based on their own previous experiences	7/18/2017 10:45 AM
90	Agency training, community resources	7/18/2017 9:39 AM
91	Some supports from the caseworker, sometimes its a task and a half to get support, but support is very limited. Our children are what DCP consider "differential response".	7/17/2017 3:00 PM
92	family and friends	7/17/2017 9:23 AM
93	excellent psychological support (private psychologist, FSA funded, attachment theory-based support)	7/16/2017 11:44 PM
94	There isn't a lot on Kangaroo Island. I access all that I know will help	7/16/2017 4:12 PM
95	family and friends	7/16/2017 1:09 AM
96	NDIS some respite	7/15/2017 4:26 PM
97	Having DCP staff that assist, listen, follow through especially with managers and higher. Need copies of minutes of meetings and agreed as true and accurate, Not just their word all the time.	7/15/2017 9:15 AM
98	Peer support	7/15/2017 7:49 AM
99	Peer support Care team support	7/14/2017 8:32 PM
100	workers from fresh start program to help hold DCP workers accountable and help provide school information re trauma.	7/14/2017 3:38 PM
101	Not a lot but when I do need something its made available.	7/14/2017 8:23 AM
102	Time for kids Oshc	7/13/2017 9:49 PM
103	Only now after 11 years looking at having a mentor for our child	7/13/2017 8:26 PM
104	NDIS plan for one child, CENTACARE counselling for another. Speech therapy for 2 of them. OSHC occasionally.	7/13/2017 4:40 PM
105	My family, friends. The children's school.	7/13/2017 1:57 PM
106	Case Worker	7/13/2017 1:35 PM

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107	FSA and our agency.	7/13/2017 1:23 PM
108	My Anglicare support worker	7/13/2017 12:09 PM
109	We are with Key Assets who provide amazing, ongoing support, they visit each fortnight to see how we are going what we need and to generally check in. While providing support groups and therapeutic training, support worker that spends time with the child doing activities so we may have some respite as well.	7/13/2017 11:37 AM
110	Kinship care person in department	7/13/2017 11:28 AM
111	CAMHS, grandparent carer support, OT	7/13/2017 10:20 AM
112	Centacare	7/13/2017 9:23 AM
113	None	7/13/2017 9:18 AM
114	Relationships with other carers as well as support from CFC.	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
115	Centacare support agency, DCP and supportive network of friends and family	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
116	A volunteer picks kids up from school on 1 day of the week so i can attend my sporting club. Thats only recently as my wife has had her driving license taken due to a possible health issue. Some support might be usefull at this time but not sure what or how.	7/13/2017 7:04 AM
117	Financial planning from DCP Courses	7/12/2017 10:23 PM
118	Agency	7/12/2017 10:16 PM
119	None	7/12/2017 9:51 PM
120	Friends and family. NDIA. Paediatrician, OT,Speech Therapist, Special Ed	7/12/2017 9:50 PM
121	None. Only have contact with child protection when it is time for access visits.	7/12/2017 9:49 PM
122	Our agency.	7/12/2017 9:37 PM
123	NDIA	7/12/2017 9:34 PM
124	Therapies Friends	7/12/2017 9:29 PM
125	Kinship support worker	7/12/2017 9:22 PM
126	Camhs, my friends, their school	7/12/2017 9:10 PM
127	Occupational therapy Psychologist Speech Therapy	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
128	Ndis	7/12/2017 8:38 PM
129	Childcare CAHMS	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
130	Accare support worker, and dcp caseworker	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
131	information from various sources, financial, assistance with transport for children as required	7/12/2017 8:25 PM
132	Foster Carer Support Worker (FCSW)	7/12/2017 8:03 PM
133	I utilise my friends and family.	7/12/2017 7:49 PM
134	I do not access any supports. I know there are grand parent groups in the community but have not accessed them at this point in time.	7/12/2017 7:48 PM
135	Anglicare	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
136	None	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
137	Respect for my knowledge and experience. Listen to my children. Respite.	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
138	Ndis	7/12/2017 7:26 PM
139	Respite care	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
140	OT / SPeech / tutor / Phsyc	7/12/2017 7:14 PM
141	NDIS	7/12/2017 7:03 PM
142	Fellow carers Centacare support worker NOVITAwatching the young people grow and develop into strong independent	7/12/2017 6:54 PM
143	Cahms,	7/12/2017 6:48 PM
144	Nannies SA for babysitting	7/12/2017 6:47 PM
145	Not much at this stage.I have had to constantly call the office for infomation in regards to when I can book a visit to see my youngest granddaughter and yet I can have the eldest one for a whole weekend each month...I was there primary carer for twelve months before.	7/12/2017 6:36 PM

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146	Regular carer payments. May need psychological support in the future.	7/12/2017 6:28 PM
147	Support from AFSS	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
148	??	7/12/2017 6:08 PM
149	nil	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
150	Because I have an OPG order there are now few supports. I occasionally ask DCP for support but it's limited. There is no support from other agencies.	7/12/2017 5:48 PM
151	respite when i can get it which is not regular	7/12/2017 5:19 PM
152	Childcare Swimming lessons Kindergym Dcp UCW	7/12/2017 5:00 PM
153	None	7/12/2017 4:59 PM
154	Other carers	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
155	None	7/12/2017 4:54 PM
156	Psychological, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, paediatric therapy.	7/12/2017 4:48 PM
157	None really.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
158	Mental health services	7/12/2017 4:27 PM
159	regular respite with other carers. psych, ot, speech, camhs, sso.	7/12/2017 4:15 PM
160	As i have 3 bio siblings under 2yr, I appreciate 2 days child care per week when children are healthy paid by DCP.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
161	Support through my agency	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
162	My kinship support worker is a great help	7/12/2017 3:55 PM
163	Private supports; none provided by DCP or Support Agency	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
164	As above, but mostly friends and family, although those are limited also.	7/12/2017 3:47 PM
165	Our agency and friends/family	7/12/2017 3:42 PM
166	occasional respite, although I believe this service is grossly under paid \$48 for overnight???? ridiculous!	7/12/2017 3:41 PM

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Q33 What gives you confidence?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 88

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	When children in care react in a positive way.	7/31/2017 8:10 PM
2	Getting information and being able to assist child dealing with lifes issues eg at school, sport without FSA trying to put a broom through	7/31/2017 9:27 AM
3	The children Positive feedback from those who have seen the children grow and evolve	7/29/2017 6:13 AM
4	Seeing my recently turned 18yo foster daughter doing well, and choosing to remain living with me while she completes her schooling.	7/28/2017 8:25 PM
5	nothing	7/28/2017 9:57 AM
6	Being given the tools to cope in difficult situations.	7/27/2017 11:27 PM
7	When getting along well w foster child and they r happy. Also learning parenting techniques and child development info help give me confidence in identifying what is going on on the child's head	7/27/2017 10:49 PM
8	We are struggling at the moment.	7/27/2017 11:07 AM
9	my learning and development which i do independently and my genuine love for her	7/27/2017 9:19 AM
10	My social worker	7/27/2017 9:09 AM
11	Seeing children thrive. Positive relations with agency, DCP staff, and other cares.	7/27/2017 8:06 AM
12	the kids i help and my family	7/26/2017 9:55 PM
13	Support worker	7/26/2017 7:20 PM
14	The love from you he children	7/26/2017 3:39 PM
15	Seeing my little boy's behaviour and demeanour improve. Seeing him happy and settled makes me feel like we're on the right track.	7/26/2017 2:48 PM
16	Getting good feedback from aw and ce how far the children are progressing in my care	7/26/2017 2:40 PM
17	Hearing positive comments about my foster daughter. Also about myself for what I am doing for and with my daughter	7/26/2017 2:30 PM
18	I know we are doing our best and providing lots of opportunities	7/26/2017 2:14 PM
19	full information needed	7/26/2017 2:00 PM
20	Admiring others who have far greater loads.	7/26/2017 12:16 PM
21	Reassurance from my husband that we are "doing it right"	7/26/2017 11:40 AM
22	God	7/25/2017 4:30 PM
23	When people tell me we are doing a great job	7/25/2017 12:26 PM
24	The growth in my children.	7/25/2017 11:34 AM
25	When people tell me I'm doing okay.	7/25/2017 5:44 AM
26	My Agency and support worker	7/24/2017 7:06 PM
27	Experience - both as a parent and foster carer. Learnings from training and support groups.	7/24/2017 2:46 PM
28	positive feedback from friends and family on behaviours children being happy and reaching milestones	7/24/2017 2:31 PM
29	Having genuine feedback from agencies about what I'm doing that is working and what's not. Having transparent communication from other agencies about their view of the placement, any concerns and future plans. Having members of the care team help identify and action what long term plans need to be made for my child, alongside the ongoing short term crises I am handling in his daily care needs/behaviours. Feedback from my child about loving his placement and his relationship with me.	7/24/2017 1:29 PM
30	How my children are growing up. The new appointments in the child protection arena including Helen Connolly.	7/24/2017 1:12 PM
31	My passion	7/24/2017 12:31 PM

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32	experience with younger children	7/24/2017 11:32 AM
33	watching my children grow and develop	7/24/2017 10:31 AM
34	knowing I am helping someone	7/23/2017 4:48 PM
35	Anglicare support worker	7/23/2017 3:42 PM
36	Myself.	7/23/2017 10:50 AM
37	A good outcome for my children	7/22/2017 12:58 AM
38	That the social workers recognise the transformation and bonds we have built	7/21/2017 10:30 PM
39	Having a happy content child that will runs to greet you at the door.	7/21/2017 9:46 PM
40	other carers relevant and accessible training	7/21/2017 8:16 PM
41	I have experienced what foster caring involves and have brought up 6 children and have 7 grand children Working with clients with mental health issues	7/21/2017 7:23 PM
42	Knowing that the people involved in all areas of caring for these kids have their best interests at heart. The organisations I work with trusting me with information about the children I care for so I can do the best job in raising them.	7/21/2017 7:22 PM
43	thankyous	7/21/2017 7:04 PM
44	My opinion is listened to	7/21/2017 4:00 PM
45	Experience	7/21/2017 2:36 PM
46	see our young person grow	7/21/2017 1:59 PM
47	Family ac care	7/21/2017 12:20 PM
48	Being supported by the relevant child protection agency, financially and emotionally. Family and friend support base.	7/21/2017 10:56 AM
49	feed back from people	7/21/2017 10:35 AM
50	Knowing my agency worker is there to support me	7/21/2017 6:28 AM
51	My belief in myself and support from my family	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
52	Positive feedback from case worker and family and friends	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
53	The happiness,joy and love I give and receive from the children in my care.	7/20/2017 5:48 PM
54	Knowing support is always there and emergency respite	7/20/2017 4:12 PM
55	Support from others with my choices and advice where needed	7/20/2017 3:42 PM
56	Positive feed back from support worker and when our foster child gives me a hug we know we are helping	7/20/2017 3:40 PM
57	Hahahaha!	7/20/2017 3:34 PM
58	Being self employed	7/20/2017 1:53 PM
59	Lutheran COmmunity Care Support Worker	7/20/2017 1:16 PM
60	Watching our boy overcome each challenge and he is growing into such a loving and empathetic little boy.	7/20/2017 11:56 AM
61	Seeing our children happy and succeed. Having opportunity in life and seeing the bond within our home.	7/20/2017 11:16 AM
62	Knowing i can talk to someone if needed	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
63	Seeing the children in my care flourish and grow	7/20/2017 11:02 AM
64	Very little about the current system.	7/20/2017 10:56 AM
65	Knowing you are caring for a child in need	7/20/2017 10:38 AM
66	child seems to enjoy coming to stay with us, and especially some of the holidays she has been on with us.	7/20/2017 9:56 AM
67	Having a good support worker	7/20/2017 8:51 AM
68	A good understanding of working with traumatised children and experience in dealing with complex behaviours Recognition of the sometimes intense but meaningful work that we do to support our young people	7/20/2017 8:33 AM

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69	Not much! The recent GOP changes, but still with a degree of trepidation about what the unintended consequences might be. It has been suggested to me more than once that I should expect a degree of departmental support to be withdrawn (almost it seems in a punitive way) if I were to go ahead.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
70	Knowing that you can help	7/19/2017 9:18 PM
71	when our foster baby reaches growth milestones	7/19/2017 8:36 PM
72	The kids. To stand up for their rights and needs	7/19/2017 7:18 PM
73	Knowing the kids are growing up happy and healthy	7/19/2017 5:08 PM
74	Not much really. I would like to think that at some point DCP will get it right and allow some Gom18 children to be placed for adoption and be free from system abuse. I have no confidence that anyone will truly see it from the children's perspective. Children want to belong and it is their right to have loving parents who will support and guide them and be there for them. It's the child's right to choose to go by their carers sir name as a sense of belonging. Or is it? Not where DCP is concerned. It is all about keeping kids in the system, removing all control from carers, and raising insecure children who feel like no one really cares for them.	7/19/2017 4:15 PM
75	Life experiences, LWB and other support services.	7/19/2017 2:39 PM
76	...	7/19/2017 2:35 PM
77	30yrs experience and a belief that some people with disabilities should have a choice not to be in supportive accommodation, living in the city or town when they choose to be on a farm environment.	7/19/2017 12:16 PM
78	Not very much when dealing with DCP	7/19/2017 11:01 AM
79	Seeing the small changes in the child in my care. Knowing that my support worker is there for us. Going to these courses and reading the literature and knowing I'm going about things the right way.	7/19/2017 7:36 AM
80	The young people succeeding	7/19/2017 12:09 AM
81	Happy healthy family	7/18/2017 2:57 PM
82	support agency anglicaresa	7/18/2017 2:05 PM
83	as above. Also when support workers can see a positive change in the child's behaviors.	7/18/2017 12:54 PM
84	Seeing my daughter achieve her goals, and see her make plans for the future. She she talks to me and tells me how she is feeling. Seeing that chooses/decisions I make for our lives is positive and in the right direction.	7/18/2017 10:59 AM
85	having raised a family and seeing the bond and development within my two new children	7/18/2017 10:45 AM
86	Positive feedback and not being treated like "just a carer"	7/18/2017 9:39 AM
87	Nothing from DCP, we get our confidence from supporting each other and just getting on with caring for our kids and advocating on their behalf as well as for their siblings.	7/17/2017 3:00 PM
88	- psych support - longstanding, close relationship with my child	7/16/2017 11:44 PM
89	Not a lot. But praise from others that say I am doing a good job.	7/16/2017 4:12 PM
90	self determination	7/16/2017 1:09 AM
91	some recent education I have attended through support agency. Getting some long term things in place now	7/15/2017 4:26 PM
92	If we were able to meet with fellow carers and DCP to offer evening networking meetings. Be supported and offered tools.	7/15/2017 9:15 AM
93	Successful relationships that keep the family central	7/15/2017 7:49 AM
94	Knowing my rights. No longer waiting for dcp and ngo's to do the right thing, but going above to managers and cathy taylors office to advocate and inform of failures in duty of care. I no longer accept poor performance, but advocate for my children myself.	7/14/2017 8:32 PM
95	My background in childcare and child development, training on trauma and how it affects the brain and how that presents in the home. Lots of reading articles etc on therapeutic care	7/14/2017 3:38 PM
96	Seeing my child growing with his own confidence and his love for the family around him (birth and foster)	7/14/2017 8:23 AM
97	Being informed and knowing my and children's rights	7/13/2017 9:49 PM
98	Having understanding of our child needs	7/13/2017 8:26 PM
99	Our own strength as people.	7/13/2017 4:40 PM

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100	I'm seeing some changes and hope to see more in the future.	7/13/2017 1:57 PM
101	Being able to get information whenever needed	7/13/2017 1:35 PM
102	Knowing we are helping.	7/13/2017 1:23 PM
103	I Am not sure That I am a confident person, but I do have confidence in the fact that I am doing my very best	7/13/2017 12:09 PM
104	Watching our child grow, develop and know that he is loved	7/13/2017 11:37 AM
105	OPG becoming more accessible	7/13/2017 11:28 AM
106	Support from friends/ family/ community	7/13/2017 10:20 AM
107	Knowing you will always get an answer and within a reasonable timeframe	7/13/2017 9:23 AM
108	Our years of experience	7/13/2017 9:18 AM
109	Advocacy from CFC to support us when sailing uncharted waters being new carers.	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
110	The child that is happy and calm	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
111	Not much these days.	7/13/2017 7:04 AM
112	The support of my family and friends	7/12/2017 10:23 PM
113	when they work together as an agency and DCP	7/12/2017 10:16 PM
114	My children and being respected by the children's caseworker	7/12/2017 9:51 PM
115	Support from husband, knowing we are doing the best we can, seeing progress in the children.	7/12/2017 9:50 PM
116	That the child with us is excelling and has huge goals for life	7/12/2017 9:49 PM
117	To know they are there if we need help.	7/12/2017 9:37 PM
118	Seeing progress in our child.	7/12/2017 9:34 PM
119	Watching my kids thrive	7/12/2017 9:29 PM
120	Feedback from DCP and seeing developmental growth in children	7/12/2017 9:22 PM
121	My friends, their school	7/12/2017 9:10 PM
122	Knowing we are doing our best and very child focused	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
123	The positive feedback from therapists	7/12/2017 8:38 PM
124	Seeing the children achieve and accomplish new things	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
125	Great feedback from my caseworker, and accare.	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
126	Being supported, encouraged and listened to	7/12/2017 8:25 PM
127	Able to have advocacy from FCSW with DCP staff	7/12/2017 8:03 PM
128	Being able to see the difference over time in the children while they are in my care. When they thrive I know I'm doing something right.	7/12/2017 7:49 PM
129	The happiness of the girls, their feeling of being cared for, loved and safe. People's comments on how well adjusted the girls seem to be.	7/12/2017 7:48 PM
130	To be honest not much as this placement is hard but when I reflect on what has been achieved it gives me hope	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
131	My friends, family and kids.	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
132	My own resilience	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
133	expereince / feedback from children	7/12/2017 7:14 PM
134	advocating for the children	7/12/2017 7:03 PM
135	Positive feedback	7/12/2017 6:47 PM
136	Having my granddaughters,interactions with them.	7/12/2017 6:36 PM
137	In the system - nothing. I am confident I am doing all I can to provide my daughter with love and support.	7/12/2017 6:28 PM
138	Seeing the kids with smiles on there face	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
139	??	7/12/2017 6:08 PM
140	The fact that the child is growing into a loving, caring, intelligent, gifted young man.	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
141	Just seeing the gains my child makes.	7/12/2017 5:48 PM

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142	the light at the end of the tunnel when the children get reunified	7/12/2017 5:19 PM
143	Information	7/12/2017 5:00 PM
144	Watching her grow and develop	7/12/2017 4:59 PM
145	Having a great outcome for the kids in our care	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
146	None	7/12/2017 4:54 PM
147	??	7/12/2017 4:48 PM
148	Seeing our child grow and develop into a caring young man.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
149	Knowing DoCP are there to assist if needed but not interfering with day to day	7/12/2017 4:27 PM
150	feeling supported and understood by those supporting us and the children.	7/12/2017 4:15 PM
151	Good case workers and supervisor. Creating a trusting working relationship with workers, feeling heard and opinions validated.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
152	All the support I get and my net work group	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
153	Positive changes Knowing my child feels safe	7/12/2017 3:57 PM
154	Him	7/12/2017 3:55 PM
155	The new Executive Team at DVO	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
156	My longevity in the role and my ability to keep going no matter what.	7/12/2017 3:47 PM
157	Knowledge	7/12/2017 3:42 PM
158	my kinship worker	7/12/2017 3:41 PM



## Q34 What is most important to you?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	safety welfare of the children we are helping	7/31/2017 8:10 PM
2	Getting information and being able to see child happy whilst having someone at end of phone if needed	7/31/2017 9:27 AM
3	The children	7/29/2017 6:13 AM
4	Maintaining a long term relationship with the two children.	7/28/2017 8:25 PM
5	truth and respect	7/28/2017 9:57 AM
6	Bringing these children up to be the best that they can be .	7/27/2017 11:27 PM
7	Raising healthy children	7/27/2017 10:49 PM
8	To get our boy to a strong and fulfilling adulthood and to keep our family strong	7/27/2017 11:07 AM
9	that she is loved and safe and given every opportunity to succeed in life	7/27/2017 9:19 AM
10	Encouragement.	7/27/2017 9:09 AM
11	As per 33	7/27/2017 8:06 AM
12	knowing that i try my best and keeping my heart open to others	7/26/2017 9:55 PM
13	Caring for our child as well as we can to give him a successful life	7/26/2017 7:20 PM
14	That these children get the best of care that they can	7/26/2017 3:39 PM
15	That everyone in my family (husband, bio children, Foster child) feel loved and valued.	7/26/2017 2:48 PM
16	That the children in my care turn out to be active supportive global citizens	7/26/2017 2:40 PM
17	My foster daughter and knowing I am doing the best I can in helping her to reach her full potential Also knowing she realises how much she is loved	7/26/2017 2:30 PM
18	That we are a happy family unit	7/26/2017 2:14 PM
19	to know what is going on and any needs are met quickly	7/26/2017 2:00 PM
20	Being able to laugh and feeling there is hope.	7/26/2017 12:16 PM
21	Family	7/26/2017 11:40 AM
22	Knowing that I can access support if needed	7/25/2017 4:30 PM
23	My grandchildren's safety and happiness	7/25/2017 12:26 PM
24	feeling appreciated	7/25/2017 11:40 AM
25	That the kids are happy and thriving.	7/25/2017 11:34 AM
26	The safety, love and nurturing of my child	7/25/2017 5:44 AM
27	Welfare of the children in our care as well as our biological children	7/24/2017 7:06 PM
28	Appropriate support from DCP and foster care agency for both the foster children in our care and us as foster carers. Positive Communication	7/24/2017 2:46 PM
29	that the children are safe, happy and loved by us and get to stay in one home instead of being removed unnecessarily	7/24/2017 2:31 PM
30	That my child receives the care, love support and opportunities to thrive that he deserves in life. That I am met with understanding about the every day challenges of parenting a highly traumatised child by professionals. That professionals truly act with my child's best interests at heart and that they balance this with risk management practices; rather than placing risk management policies as paramount. That professionals understand the significance of the relationship between my child and I; that as he is in my long term care, psychologically, we view each other as immediate family. I therefore act as his parent to the best of my ability and believe that it is in his best interests for me to have voice in plans and decisions for him-rather than professionals who have had a high turnover in his life and do not hold a comprehensive knowledge of his life story, making decisions for his future without my involvement. That agencies make every effort to support his placement with me when his behaviours become risky, so long as this is deemed as in his best interests.	7/24/2017 1:29 PM

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31	To help the children grow up happy safe and kind.	7/24/2017 1:12 PM
32	Getting an Opg order	7/24/2017 12:31 PM
33	the well being of the children in our care	7/24/2017 11:32 AM
34	the saftey and wellbeing of my family	7/24/2017 10:31 AM
35	helping someone and keeping child safe until they have somewhere to go	7/23/2017 4:48 PM
36	That the children are settled and the DCP is not adding to their trauma with the decisions they make	7/23/2017 3:42 PM
37	Our child.	7/23/2017 10:50 AM
38	to care to the best of my ability for my kids	7/22/2017 12:58 AM
39	That my children feel safe and loved and I can see them grow into the beautiful people they are	7/21/2017 10:30 PM
40	Making sure that the child's welfare comes first and foremost.	7/21/2017 9:46 PM
41	communication respect children's well being	7/21/2017 8:16 PM
42	Being able to access my own support network and not feeling alienated feom them by making requests on them for checks etc.	7/21/2017 8:01 PM
43	Ensure I do not get burnout as the foster child I have currently has just started to settle down after a year He has made great progress but it has taken a toll on my health and well being Having access to regular respite so I can spend time with my children and grand children Two daughters live in Adelaide The ability to work and foster care as my foster child is unable to attend OHSC during school holidays and living in a rural area makes this very difficult	7/21/2017 7:23 PM
44	Communication Empathy Understanding Respect	7/21/2017 7:22 PM
45	my family	7/21/2017 7:04 PM
46	provide a safe and loving home	7/21/2017 6:13 PM
47	Welfare of the children	7/21/2017 4:00 PM
48	Trust and that we do know what we are talking about	7/21/2017 2:36 PM
49	family	7/21/2017 1:59 PM
50	The childs well being and their connection with our family	7/21/2017 12:20 PM
51	Trying to ensure this child will have the best possible chance to support herself as an adult. Family is most important to me.	7/21/2017 10:56 AM
52	doing the right thing by the child	7/21/2017 10:35 AM
53	My agency (Anglicare) worker	7/21/2017 6:28 AM
54	Providing a stable caring environment to children who really are in need of stability and support - whilst maintaining my own children's needs.	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
55	Continuing to provide care for our girls so they dont need to have any further trauma from additional placements	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
56	The child in my care, their needs, happiness, well being, best interests, Development and give them all the love and support they deserve.	7/20/2017 5:48 PM
57	Being able to provide security for our young people and being able to provide for as she is turning 18 soon	7/20/2017 4:12 PM
58	Giving my foster son the best future possible for him	7/20/2017 3:42 PM
59	that we are helping a child to have a positive upbringing and helping them believe in themselves	7/20/2017 3:40 PM
60	Survival.	7/20/2017 3:34 PM
61	Supporting kids and being part of a team that supports me	7/20/2017 1:53 PM
62	Clear, open and honest communication with a plan and positive outcome for our foster child.	7/20/2017 1:16 PM
63	Our child's health, safety and happiness	7/20/2017 11:56 AM
64	Family and caring for one another.	7/20/2017 11:16 AM
65	Feeling trusted to do a grest job	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
66	My children's health and wellbeing. Making sure they are feeling safe and secure.	7/20/2017 11:02 AM

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67	Being able to make decisions for my child about the needs they have. I'm tired of ppl who have never met my child making decisions based on text book theory. I personally think dcp also need to get a handle on care concerns and the way they ate dealt with, it's an absolute debacle and i keep hearing stories that are essentially bullying and abuse by a dept.	7/20/2017 10:56 AM
68	Caring for a child in need	7/20/2017 10:38 AM
69	supporting this child, giving her a place to rest and play and learn without adding to the stresses in her life. Being there for her in the long term in whatever way we can and that she wishes.	7/20/2017 9:56 AM
70	That DCP workers work together not against , Only talking about one out of three I'm working with ATM if it wasn't that I love this child dearly , I would tell this worker to shove it	7/20/2017 9:00 AM
71	Advocating for the children and being listened to by the department	7/20/2017 8:51 AM
72	That all of my children are well supported and loved and have the opportunities to strengthen their learning and connections within our family & community	7/20/2017 8:33 AM
73	Primarily, the well being of the child in my care. I would like them to grow up with excellent access to education and opportunity that I alone may not be able to provide, but that will enable them to become a fully functioning adult who is capable of contributing in a way that is meaningful to them, to society.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
74	Childs care and nurture	7/19/2017 9:18 PM
75	the wellbeing of my family	7/19/2017 8:36 PM
76	The children an my family	7/19/2017 7:18 PM
77	family	7/19/2017 5:46 PM
78	Raising happy and healthy kids	7/19/2017 5:08 PM
79	Raising healthy, happy and well adjusted young people who know they are loved and adored as our children, not our "foster children", just our children!	7/19/2017 4:15 PM
80	Family	7/19/2017 2:39 PM
81	That our children feel loved and like normal children, and not defined by their bad start in life	7/19/2017 2:35 PM
82	that our foster children have a guaranteed future with us	7/19/2017 2:18 PM
83	Helping a child in need	7/19/2017 1:36 PM
84	We enjoy taking our guys away for weekends in Winnebago, helping them care for their horses and chooks , kangaroos, emus, dear ,alpacca, We love the life style and remuneration is adequate.	7/19/2017 12:16 PM
85	The health and wellbeing of my family inclusive of me foster child	7/19/2017 11:01 AM
86	Helping this child to become someone who can participate in life successfully. Not as easy as it sounds.	7/19/2017 7:36 AM
87	My kids	7/19/2017 12:09 AM
88	Being consistent and constant	7/18/2017 2:57 PM
89	looking out for the girls best interests	7/18/2017 2:05 PM
90	to see a happy child	7/18/2017 12:54 PM
91	Happiness of my daughter, which in turn makes me happy.	7/18/2017 10:59 AM
92	my family as a whole having a close supportive bond and the establishment of connections with my young childrens birth family	7/18/2017 10:45 AM
93	Positive outcomes for the child	7/18/2017 9:39 AM
94	Making sure the children know who they are and where they come from.	7/17/2017 3:00 PM
95	respect for my role as a parent, my relationship with the child and the commitment I have made to caring for them.	7/17/2017 9:23 AM
96	- that my child grows up happy and healthy	7/16/2017 11:44 PM
97	That the kids are safe and living in a great environment.	7/16/2017 4:12 PM
98	treating our children as our own	7/16/2017 1:09 AM
99	Children understanding who they are and managing at school with friends etc	7/15/2017 4:26 PM
100	The children and the stability for them in a consistence, stable, loving family environment	7/15/2017 9:15 AM
101	Successful relationships that keep the family central	7/15/2017 7:49 AM

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102	Child focus and timely responses from paid staff in child protection.	7/14/2017 8:32 PM
103	For my child to see themselves as part of this family forever. To limit activities that remind them they are in care and yet still support the child's extra needs to trauma.	7/14/2017 3:38 PM
104	my child's growth and development into a strong and independent person.	7/14/2017 8:23 AM
105	Open transparent communication between self and CPS I feel this serves interests of the children better	7/13/2017 9:49 PM
106	That our child feels loved and part of our family and know we will always be here for her not matter what	7/13/2017 8:26 PM
107	Understanding from agencies and their willingness to help.	7/13/2017 4:40 PM
108	Keeping the children in my care in a "safe, family environment"	7/13/2017 1:57 PM
109	The children	7/13/2017 1:35 PM
110	The welfare of our foster children.	7/13/2017 1:23 PM
111	The children feeling safe and accepted	7/13/2017 12:09 PM
112	To be able to have more decision making options for us. Deciding on the best education for him not because it's cost saving	7/13/2017 11:37 AM
113	Security of my family including the child in my care	7/13/2017 11:28 AM
114	My family and my home	7/13/2017 10:20 AM
115	Knowing you are doing a good job in helping a child have a happy normal life	7/13/2017 9:23 AM
116	That DCP leave us alone to get on with our lives	7/13/2017 9:18 AM
117	Thorough and regular communication.	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
118	The well being of the children and their ability to recover from trauma abuse and neglect	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
119	I would like to keep my health long enough to see our gkids grow up and do well. I dont know how my gdaughter will manage later with her global delay issue.	7/13/2017 7:04 AM
120	The health and happiness of my foster child	7/12/2017 10:23 PM
121	there care for the children , as us carers are treated fairly	7/12/2017 10:16 PM
122	That the kids get the best outcomes. This includes access to appropriate therapies	7/12/2017 9:51 PM
123	Trying to create a normal family environment, least involvement of DCP as possible so the children never view themselves as "GOM" kids despite agencies sometimes referring to them as such.	7/12/2017 9:50 PM
124	Our family	7/12/2017 9:49 PM
125	To be a normal family.	7/12/2017 9:37 PM
126	Providing a safe and supportive environment.	7/12/2017 9:34 PM
127	Permanency for children, quick decision making, being a part of decision making. Being judged on my capabilities	7/12/2017 9:29 PM
128	Ongoing safety of kids in my care Having a voice in the process	7/12/2017 9:22 PM
129	My girls	7/12/2017 9:10 PM
130	The Child's well being	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
131	The children growing into strong confident adults and us being able to provide them with what they need	7/12/2017 8:44 PM
132	My family	7/12/2017 8:38 PM
133	That the children have every opportunity to become the best they can be and to live and develop as a average family	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
134	Giving the best care possible to my kids in care, and receiving as much info as possible about each child in care. Also to be a part of the decisions made regarding the child, which does not usually happen.	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
135	The children are well supported	7/12/2017 8:25 PM
136	Respect & honest communication from DCP would be good	7/12/2017 8:03 PM
137	The wellbeing of my children (whether they are with me 24hrs or forever) is paramount. Being listened to and not undermined by DCP.	7/12/2017 7:49 PM

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138	As written above, really. It is very important for children who are removed from their parents to be placed in a happy, healthy, loving and safe home with someone who protects them and advocates for them.	7/12/2017 7:48 PM
139	Maintaining good family relationships which can be fraught quite regularly	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
140	Seeing my granddaughter happy	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
141	My children every time.	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
142	Keeps being happy and supported to reach their potential	7/12/2017 7:26 PM
143	The child stays safe and has positive loving guidance until 18 and beyond	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
144	nurturing and safety for the children	7/12/2017 7:14 PM
145	having the childs needs met	7/12/2017 7:03 PM
146	Watching the young people grow into strong independent and resilient people. With skills to support them gheougj their lives. Even respite children	7/12/2017 6:54 PM
147	Seeing my granddaughters happy. Sharing conversations,	7/12/2017 6:36 PM
148	My daughter's wellbeing. Anglicare and CPA leave us alone to be a parent. If I need help I ask for it. They should be focussing on the children that need it most particularly those that are in a neglected or abusive family. This is where their energy should be focussed. My daughter often asks me to adopt her. We should rally for adoption. The system appears to want to keep the children as foster kids. We need to be respected. I get annoyed at listening to the ads to recruit more carers - I haven't had a call in 7 years. I am here and willing !!	7/12/2017 6:28 PM
149	Family and the children in my care	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
150	Achieving the best for our child	7/12/2017 6:08 PM
151	That the child has every opportunity to experience a fulfilling life, the same as I have hoped for, for my own children	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
152	Providing the best support for the child in my care so that she can achieve educational, social and emotional outcomes that will support her into adulthood.	7/12/2017 5:48 PM
153	children's happiness and safety	7/12/2017 5:19 PM
154	Family	7/12/2017 5:00 PM
155	Her safety ,security .her feeling loved and wanted and safe	7/12/2017 4:59 PM
156	Family	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
157	To help foster child survive	7/12/2017 4:54 PM
158	My children's security, sense of settlement and happiness.	7/12/2017 4:48 PM
159	Quality time with him.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
160	The children	7/12/2017 4:27 PM
161	we have regular breaks, we are supported	7/12/2017 4:15 PM
162	The children in my care being loved, cared for and supported	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
163	The care and safety of these children and how important reunification is with family the ministry really needs to spend time and money on reeducating the parents grandparents family members on how to look after themselves and their children instead of putting children into community care parents should be given the first chance and family members it's as simple as that instead of wasting money in commercial care use that funding on helping the parents getting their life in order so they can look after their children	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
164	People with in the system listening	7/12/2017 3:57 PM
165	His happiness	7/12/2017 3:55 PM
166	Having my voice, as a Carer, heard, respected and valued as important.	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
167	Supporting the two children in my care and my one to successful adulthood doing whatever makes them happy and self sufficient.	7/12/2017 3:47 PM
168	Being left to parent my kids	7/12/2017 3:42 PM
169	that I am HEARD	7/12/2017 3:41 PM

## Q35 What is your motivation for continuing to provide foster and/or kinship care?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	there is always children in need and we are able to help	7/31/2017 8:10 PM
2	Too many kids need long term stable care, thats what I am aiming for now my kids are late teens	7/31/2017 9:27 AM
3	The children	7/29/2017 6:13 AM
4	My youngest foster daughter hasn't reached post care age.	7/28/2017 8:25 PM
5	none	7/28/2017 9:57 AM
6	They need me , they are family and this is their home.	7/27/2017 11:27 PM
7	It's fulfilling and all the different experiences I've had in life culminate in helping foster child	7/27/2017 10:49 PM
8	Our lad has problems with violence and aggression. I can't bear to think what would happen to him if we sent him back into the system.	7/27/2017 11:07 AM
9	my love for this child	7/27/2017 9:19 AM
10	Gives me great joy to see the smile on my foster child's face and be able to encourage learning	7/27/2017 9:09 AM
11	Enjoy spending time with young people - hope to positively impact their feeling of worth and growth and development.	7/27/2017 8:06 AM
12	seeing how far kids come from when they first come into care to where they r now	7/26/2017 9:55 PM
13	Staying in the system until our current child is free from the system	7/26/2017 7:20 PM
14	This child specifically (we are SCO carers). We can see the potential he has to be happy, to make a contribution to his community, to be a successful adult and we want to do what we can to support that happening.	7/26/2017 2:48 PM
15	The children	7/26/2017 2:40 PM
16	My daughter or any other child I have in my care.Children need tobe loved and nurtured and know they matter.	7/26/2017 2:30 PM
17	Love and caring	7/26/2017 2:14 PM
18	to help a child have a better future	7/26/2017 2:00 PM
19	Love	7/26/2017 12:16 PM
20	the commitment we made. after doing this for a short time, if I could back to the beginning, I dont think I would have made the same decision	7/26/2017 11:40 AM
21	The knowlegde we are all loved by God	7/25/2017 4:30 PM
22	our foster child	7/25/2017 1:58 PM
23	My grandchildren	7/25/2017 12:26 PM
24	knowing there are vulnerable babies out there	7/25/2017 11:40 AM
25	The kids	7/25/2017 11:34 AM
26	To keep the kids safe	7/25/2017 5:44 AM
27	To make a difference in vulnerable children's lives.	7/24/2017 7:06 PM
28	To provide a safe and loving family environment and wanting to make a difference in the lives of our young people. To help and support young person/s in our care to become functioning adults in their community and to provide them with the necessary life skills they need to be positive members of their community.	7/24/2017 2:46 PM
29	to raise the children as if they were our own children	7/24/2017 2:31 PM
30	Providing children and YP with the care that they deserve in a broken system, in order to help them heal and break the cycle of intergenerational abuse and neglect.	7/24/2017 1:29 PM

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31	we have to as adoption is limited in SA. If things were different we would adopt the children and that would conclude our fostering.	7/24/2017 1:12 PM
32	My passion	7/24/2017 12:31 PM
33	giving the children the best chance possible in life.	7/24/2017 11:32 AM
34	we adore our daughter, we cant imagine life without her	7/24/2017 10:31 AM
35	helping	7/23/2017 4:48 PM
36	Love and care for vulnerable children and the ability to make a difference	7/23/2017 3:42 PM
37	Our child.	7/23/2017 10:50 AM
38	I love kids and and can give a stable and caring environment	7/22/2017 12:58 AM
39	An intense desire to nurture	7/21/2017 10:30 PM
40	The sound of happy laughing kids, who don't have to worry about anything other than being a kid.	7/21/2017 9:46 PM
41	the children	7/21/2017 8:16 PM
42	To give back, make a difference to a young person's lifw.	7/21/2017 8:01 PM
43	The children I have fostered have had good out comes and I see some of them regularly Foster children are some of the most marginalised members of our community with many suffering mental health issues homelessness crime drugs and alcohol when they leave foster care Help other foster carers with respite as there is not many of us in the Riverland	7/21/2017 7:23 PM
44	The kids Knowing that I can be part of the change	7/21/2017 7:22 PM
45	giving alife to a child who would not get this type of life.	7/21/2017 7:04 PM
46	to continue to care for our beautiful daughter and seeing her blossom	7/21/2017 6:13 PM
47	The children, their progress and happiness	7/21/2017 4:00 PM
48	Seeing the kids achieve	7/21/2017 2:36 PM
49	to see how far our young person has come	7/21/2017 1:59 PM
50	I love the kids	7/21/2017 12:20 PM
51	We will continue to care for this one child until she is ready to leave us. She is considered part of the family. We are not able to take on another child due to her complex needs.	7/21/2017 10:56 AM
52	it is not there fault what has happened to them and they deserve a chance to be cared for in the right environment	7/21/2017 10:35 AM
53	To help and provide a safe and loving home	7/21/2017 6:28 AM
54	The fact that a little bit of love and stability go a long way in young peoples lives.	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
55	Knowing that for each child we care for we are making a difference, even if only a small one	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
56	The desire to be a mum and to give these children a safe loving caring, nurturing home. Seeing them grow in confidence and to be happy is very rewarding and makes it all worth it.	7/20/2017 5:48 PM
57	We love the children in our care and think of them as family	7/20/2017 4:12 PM
58	I love my foster son	7/20/2017 3:42 PM
59	To make a difference in our foster child's life	7/20/2017 3:40 PM
60	Love For my child.	7/20/2017 3:34 PM
61	Desire to solve problems	7/20/2017 1:53 PM
62	Attachment and consistency for our foster child.	7/20/2017 1:16 PM
63	Watching our son getting healthier and happier by the day and slowly overcoming each challenge he has been faced with.	7/20/2017 11:56 AM
64	To see our boys grow into confident happy and good members of society and perhaps helping change the course of a child's life into a positive one.	7/20/2017 11:16 AM
65	Love the child like my own	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
66	The knowledge that I can continue to help babies who just need a safe place to stay for a while.	7/20/2017 11:02 AM
67	The longterm healing of the kids in my care. I want to see them breakfree from generational abuse and get them to adulthood	7/20/2017 10:56 AM
68	As above	7/20/2017 10:38 AM

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69	Contributing to care of disadvantaged children, helping to give them a better chance in life	7/20/2017 9:56 AM
70	For the love of these children , make them feel safe and loved and a stable home	7/20/2017 9:00 AM
71	The continuing need for it and knowing that it's a positive impact on these kids lives	7/20/2017 8:51 AM
72	My love of children and wanting to be part of the solution, not the problem.	7/20/2017 8:33 AM
73	Love. Family.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
74	Helping my community and those kids who need a home filled with love and understanding their circumstances	7/19/2017 9:18 PM
75	we have room in our family to give a loving home to another child.	7/19/2017 8:36 PM
76	The kids that need love and care	7/19/2017 7:18 PM
77	seeing these children change and grow while in my care	7/19/2017 5:46 PM
78	Seeing the children grow and develop into great little humans and knowing I have done my bit to make that happen	7/19/2017 5:08 PM
79	The children needing a loving family life.	7/19/2017 4:15 PM
80	The hugs from my kids	7/19/2017 2:39 PM
81	We love the kids	7/19/2017 2:35 PM
82	Our Christian faith.	7/19/2017 2:18 PM
83	Knowing we will be helping at least 1 child to have a stable life	7/19/2017 1:36 PM
84	Morally some of our guys wouldn't suit alternative accommodation	7/19/2017 12:16 PM
85	Great question.. and to be honest after the last eight months I really don't know..	7/19/2017 11:01 AM
86	It's still required.	7/19/2017 7:36 AM
87	Love these kids	7/19/2017 12:09 AM
88	Seeing a young person become happy, healthy and confident	7/18/2017 2:57 PM
89	seeing the girls grow and develop	7/18/2017 2:05 PM
90	To know that we are making a positive difference in our childs life, and that they may turn out to be a well balanced adult and help them cope with what life can throw at them.	7/18/2017 12:54 PM
91	Seeing how much progress my daughter has made in turning her life around.	7/18/2017 10:59 AM
92	the two children that i have taken on full time and seeing them interact with my family and theirs	7/18/2017 10:45 AM
93	Need to help	7/18/2017 9:39 AM
94	Making a committment to our children all those years and staying true to that committment. Our children are treated as part of our family, once they turn 18 has no meaning for us as they are in our family forever.	7/17/2017 3:00 PM
95	There is such a need	7/17/2017 9:23 AM
96	- because I love my child to bits	7/16/2017 11:44 PM
97	Knowing that my grand children are safe with us and not where they can be sexually abused or hurt.	7/16/2017 4:12 PM
98	make a positive change for our children's future	7/16/2017 1:09 AM
99	Committment to the children in our care	7/15/2017 4:26 PM
100	To get the children back.	7/15/2017 9:15 AM
101	Lomg term commitment to kids	7/15/2017 7:49 AM
102	The children who call me mum.	7/14/2017 8:32 PM
103	I feel that I am a well educated carer around therapeutic caring and want to provide a safe environment for my child to heal and become a functioning flourishing member of society. My daughter is a member of my family forever.	7/14/2017 3:38 PM
104	All of the above	7/14/2017 8:23 AM
105	My grandsons well being	7/13/2017 9:49 PM
106	The love we have for our foster daughter	7/13/2017 8:26 PM
107	The children's development and needs.	7/13/2017 4:40 PM
108	One day getting OPG.	7/13/2017 1:57 PM



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109	The absolute pleasure of helping these children	7/13/2017 1:35 PM
110	Or foster children.	7/13/2017 1:23 PM
111	Love	7/13/2017 12:09 PM
112	Knowing that our family is all the better for having him with us	7/13/2017 11:37 AM
113	Positive outcomes for the child	7/13/2017 11:28 AM
114	Being an strong Aboriginal person and having the skills to give children love, care, culture and support	7/13/2017 10:20 AM
115	Knowing that you have given a child a happy, helathly and normal life and you have sourround them with love and positivity.	7/13/2017 9:23 AM
116	Love of the kids	7/13/2017 9:18 AM
117	To continue to be a stable base for the little person we are caring for. We are unsure if we will continue to provide emergency or short term care once his placement with us ends.	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
118	Because I can	7/13/2017 8:30 AM
119	We have to keep going with our kids. They deserve opportunity and good care. I worry what will happen if our health fails.	7/13/2017 7:04 AM
120	The relationship and commitment I've made to my foster child	7/12/2017 10:23 PM
121	the children and only the children	7/12/2017 10:16 PM
122	Have known and loved and fought for safety for these children since their birth. Live in hope that one day we will be approved for OPG and can get them out of the system.	7/12/2017 9:50 PM
123	That this child has broken the trend of the parents	7/12/2017 9:49 PM
124	Being a family	7/12/2017 9:37 PM
125	We have OPG, no longer doing care due to issues with agency.	7/12/2017 9:34 PM
126	To give children a loving home, with their siblings together if possible	7/12/2017 9:29 PM
127	I don't want the kids u care for to go to strangers	7/12/2017 9:22 PM
128	My girls	7/12/2017 9:10 PM
129	They need it	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
130	To keep them out of formal foster care with strangers	7/12/2017 8:44 PM
131	We are in it for long term until our kids are grown up but just like our own will be welcome in our home and part of our family well after 18 if they choose to be	7/12/2017 8:38 PM
132	Family is unconditional and these children didn't choose their parents or any of their issues, so to be able to teach and show them that life can be different. And even though the love the children have for the bio parents is unconditional they learn that it's ok to love them but not live with them	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
133	I will always continue because I feel these babies and children deserve a loving safe place to live and grow happily, I can provide that.	7/12/2017 8:30 PM
134	I care about the childrens wellbeing	7/12/2017 8:25 PM
135	Hope changes with DCP	7/12/2017 8:03 PM
136	My children, and future children. Knowing that I can provide a safe haven, even if only for a short while keeps me going. I have been lucky enough to have many good experiences with birth families so knowing I am making a difference for them helps too.	7/12/2017 7:49 PM
137	As I wrote previously, I have permanent custody of my 2 grand daughters so my situation is a little different from that of a foster parent, for example, however, most of the principals I have mentioned apply to kinship and foster carer situations..	7/12/2017 7:48 PM
138	Helping family member. But also in the believe that things will get better and working with that end	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
139	Family reunification	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
140	My children and the ones yet to come.	7/12/2017 7:30 PM
141	Younger son still in our care and we are committed to supporting him as long as he needs us.	7/12/2017 7:26 PM
142	Love of the child	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
143	I love doing it and have learnt a lot	7/12/2017 7:14 PM

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144	seeing a change in the life of a child. having a relationship the children	7/12/2017 7:03 PM
145	Children are in need of loving and nurturing homes which we hope we are able to provide for them without judgement	7/12/2017 6:54 PM
146	To give the children a loving home	7/12/2017 6:48 PM
147	Giving the child a chance to be the best they can be.	7/12/2017 6:47 PM
148	To be part of there life as mum and dad are not allowed much time with them.They are my grandchildren	7/12/2017 6:36 PM
149	I love more daughter to bits as if she was my own. She is my motivation for still being in the system.	7/12/2017 6:28 PM
150	My motivation is seeing kïds have a family home watching them wake up in a loving caring home and seeing them smile and grow	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
151	our child	7/12/2017 6:08 PM
152	My passionate love for this child, and the fervent desire to see him fare well in life, and not head off the tracks like his parents and half brothers.	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
153	I love the child in my care. I made a commitment to her. Having the OPG order means I see her as my daughter, so she is my motivation.	7/12/2017 5:48 PM
154	to help children that have had a bad start to life and to show them there is a better day to day life out there for them	7/12/2017 5:19 PM
155	The children	7/12/2017 5:00 PM
156	Our daughter	7/12/2017 4:59 PM
157	Who else is going to do it?????	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
158	The thought of what would happen to foster child if we stopped even though it would be better for the rest of the family	7/12/2017 4:54 PM
159	They are my family. We have grown together.	7/12/2017 4:48 PM
160	To support our daughter,(his foster mother), and because he is part of our family.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
161	Family needs me	7/12/2017 4:27 PM
162	children	7/12/2017 4:15 PM
163	The children in my care	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
164	To work with birth parents and families to get these children home every child needs a family	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
165	Love Caring heart	7/12/2017 3:57 PM
166	Provide a safe environment	7/12/2017 3:55 PM
167	The children!	7/12/2017 3:52 PM
168	My commitment to the two children in my care.	7/12/2017 3:47 PM
169	My kids	7/12/2017 3:42 PM
170	in the best interest of the child	7/12/2017 3:41 PM

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Q36 Any other comments about what is going well?

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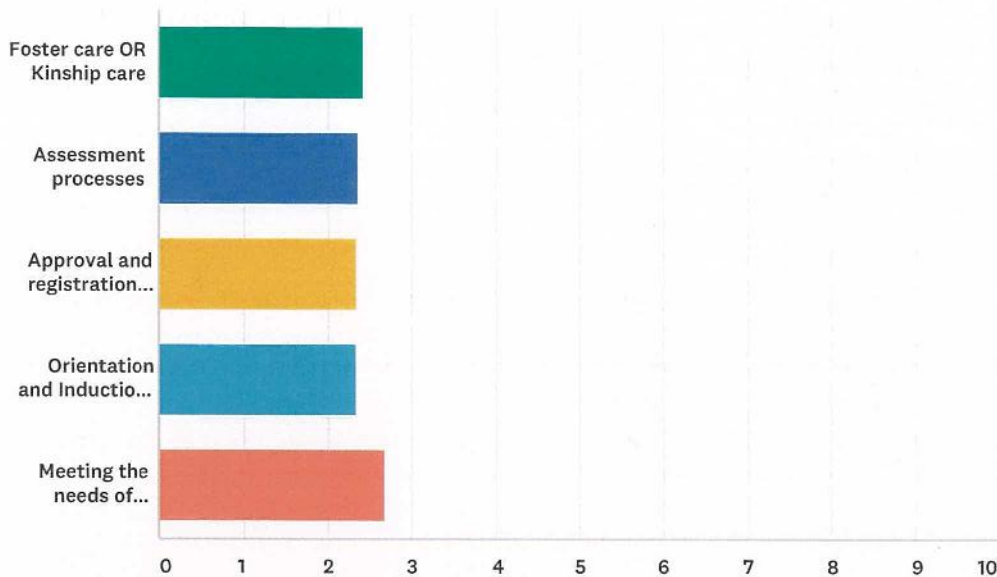
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no	7/31/2017 8:10 PM
2	After 6 years of receiving no official approval or assistance from the DCP, the children are now officially approved to be assessed by appropriate services	7/29/2017 6:13 AM
3	nothing is going well and nor will it until we get truth and respect from SAPOL and CPA	7/28/2017 9:57 AM
4	being trusted by my cw	7/27/2017 9:19 AM
5	No	7/27/2017 9:09 AM
6	That they are getting what they need to learn and be responsible adults and cope with the world out side of the home	7/26/2017 3:39 PM
7	Support from agencies to find innovative solutions to responding to challenging/risk taking behaviours from YP in care and sustain their family based placements. Ie coordinated multiagency responses.	7/24/2017 1:29 PM
8	our SW is responsive. The foster care community has a lot of supportive people within it.	7/24/2017 1:12 PM
9	she has blossomed into an amazing little person	7/24/2017 10:31 AM
10	The children are going well and thriving	7/23/2017 3:42 PM
11	it feels like people in dcp are starting to listen. is awesome. at Centrelink is worth her weight in gold.	7/21/2017 8:16 PM
12	no	7/21/2017 7:04 PM
13	No	7/21/2017 2:36 PM
14	Less access with biological parents at moment which makes kids happier	7/21/2017 12:20 PM
15	Child's progress since having supports put in place on a regular basis..Ie. weekly speech, fortnightly psychologist, 3 monthly ENT, 6 monthly PAED, 3 monthly Endocrine appts.	7/21/2017 10:56 AM
16	rewards system helps sometimes and lots of positive talk	7/20/2017 3:40 PM
17	I think adopting our child might be the way of the future.	7/20/2017 3:34 PM
18	The bond our boys have is wonderful to see. Exciting seeing them grow and develop into strong individuals.	7/20/2017 11:16 AM
19	Great relationship with whole family	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
20	I have a great social worker for my Long Term child who keeps on top of everything and is always there to help	7/20/2017 11:02 AM
21	The more 'normalised' that our family is able to be by being trusted to provide a positive, loving environment to our family, the better outcome for the young people in our lives	7/20/2017 8:33 AM
22	the bonding between our family and our foster baby.	7/19/2017 8:36 PM
23	No	7/19/2017 7:18 PM
24	The positive responses from support staff (not DCP)	7/19/2017 2:39 PM
25	Our guys can choose what they want but some can t and will slip through the net, we love what we are achieving with this stable environment without changing staff and lack of creativity that sometimes Accor in alternative accommodation	7/19/2017 12:16 PM
26	Going well is determined by the many issues that my foster child has had to deal with..	7/19/2017 11:01 AM
27	Life with the children and their well being goes along well and then you get a visit from the department who then basically tell you what / how to do something and your made of feel obligated to follow the directions,	7/18/2017 10:45 AM
28	No.	7/17/2017 3:00 PM
29	- my child currently has no access and this is better than having it	7/16/2017 11:44 PM
30	they have been with us since babies	7/16/2017 1:09 AM
31	Connecting Foster and Kinship Carers SA Inc	7/15/2017 9:15 AM

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32	Decision to remove was made early for our LT boys. They have grown up with stability and are moving towards becoming contributing members of society. The chain of dysfunctional family has been broken! (But not the connection)	7/15/2017 7:49 AM
33	Positive social workers that believe in their carers and recognise the value of their care and love above and beyond, and value carers input into decisions made around the child in care. This is what makes things work smoothly	7/14/2017 3:38 PM
34	No	7/13/2017 1:35 PM
35	To us goes communication is the key. We can manage everything with communication.	7/13/2017 1:23 PM
36	We transferred from another NGO provider to Key Assets about 12mths due to high needs being identified as part of the trauma experienced post placement and believe the model being used by them would benefit carers and children so much better than the different things in place with each NGO	7/13/2017 11:37 AM
37	Great support from Aboriginal Family Support Services too	7/13/2017 10:20 AM
38	DCP is still the same and will continue that way until they start listening to carers full stop , We live and know these children they don't , they know them on paper and paper only. DCP is only a name change hiding there name doesn't stop the disgusting behaviour .	7/12/2017 10:16 PM
39	Having a large family and being able to keep siblings together	7/12/2017 9:29 PM
40	Care & love my role	7/12/2017 8:03 PM
41	Think I have said it all!!!!	7/12/2017 7:48 PM
42	Having a lovely young man in our lives who has had a difficult journey but is embracing our family as his own.	7/12/2017 7:36 PM
43	More discussion with social workers around future decisions	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
44	Better anger management	7/12/2017 7:14 PM
45	Novita ensure my young person with cerebral palsy is provided with all the speculation supports to maximise her outcomes	7/12/2017 6:54 PM
46	Nil	7/12/2017 6:36 PM
47	The system is broken	7/12/2017 6:28 PM
48	There are some cps workers that are doing there job they have regular contact and make being a carer easy	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
49	I appreciate the foster care payment to assist with the financial commitments required in caring for a child.	7/12/2017 6:02 PM
50	watching the children learn how to trust and love someone again	7/12/2017 5:19 PM
51	Lots of things!	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
52	Looking at OPG	7/12/2017 4:27 PM
53	glad the Nyland report has recommended changes, and various agencies are seeking to ask foster carers their opinions & recommendations. Seeing change in the system is positive.	7/12/2017 4:15 PM
54	I have had 1 child for 17 months his mother didn't get enough help so he had to go into long term care but he was lucky as he really went to a good family and the other 2 children I have got now have been with me 10 months and are going home to their mother she got a lot of help from DCP and family and us and it is so wonderful to see these children transitioning to their mothers home it's amazing what a little help can do to these parents she has changed her life around with the right help.	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
55	I am confident what i do is right and caring. I learn all the time and am the voice for my child	7/12/2017 3:57 PM

### Q37 Becoming a Carer - do you feel you were given enough information about...

Answered: 170 Skipped: 76



	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Foster care OR Kinship care	21.18% 36	40.59% 69	18.24% 31	12.94% 22	6.47% 11	0.59% 1	170	2.43
Assessment processes	24.26% 41	42.60% 72	13.61% 23	10.65% 18	8.28% 14	0.59% 1	169	2.36
Approval and registration processes	21.08% 35	45.78% 76	16.27% 27	9.04% 15	6.63% 11	1.20% 2	166	2.34
Orientation and Induction processes	22.94% 39	41.18% 70	17.06% 29	8.82% 15	7.06% 12	2.94% 5	170	2.34
Meeting the needs of vulnerable children and/or young people who would be placed in your care	17.75% 30	34.32% 58	17.75% 30	17.16% 29	10.65% 18	2.37% 4	169	2.68

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	as we have been carers for a long time the answers here may not be relevant...	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
2	I was assessed and approved after the children had been placed here. It was a "learn by the seat of your pants" experience. I'm a relative carer, however the children didn't know our family.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
3	Children placed in the care of kin have the same issues / traumas as foster care but the training received is woeful.	7/27/2017 11:43 PM
4	I specifically asked to do monthly respite care for a child without a disability. I ended up full time raising a child with severe behavioural disability. No-one warned me or asked me. He was just left with me for so long that I couldn't send him away. I worked out his disability with opposition from the Department and a refusal to provide me with information about his pre birth experiences which would have alerted me much earlier to his condition.	7/27/2017 11:18 AM
5	not enough information about my child prior it would be alot more helpful to hear everything upfront then you can be prepatetf	7/27/2017 9:28 AM
6	there is never enoug info as we always r learning	7/26/2017 10:03 PM

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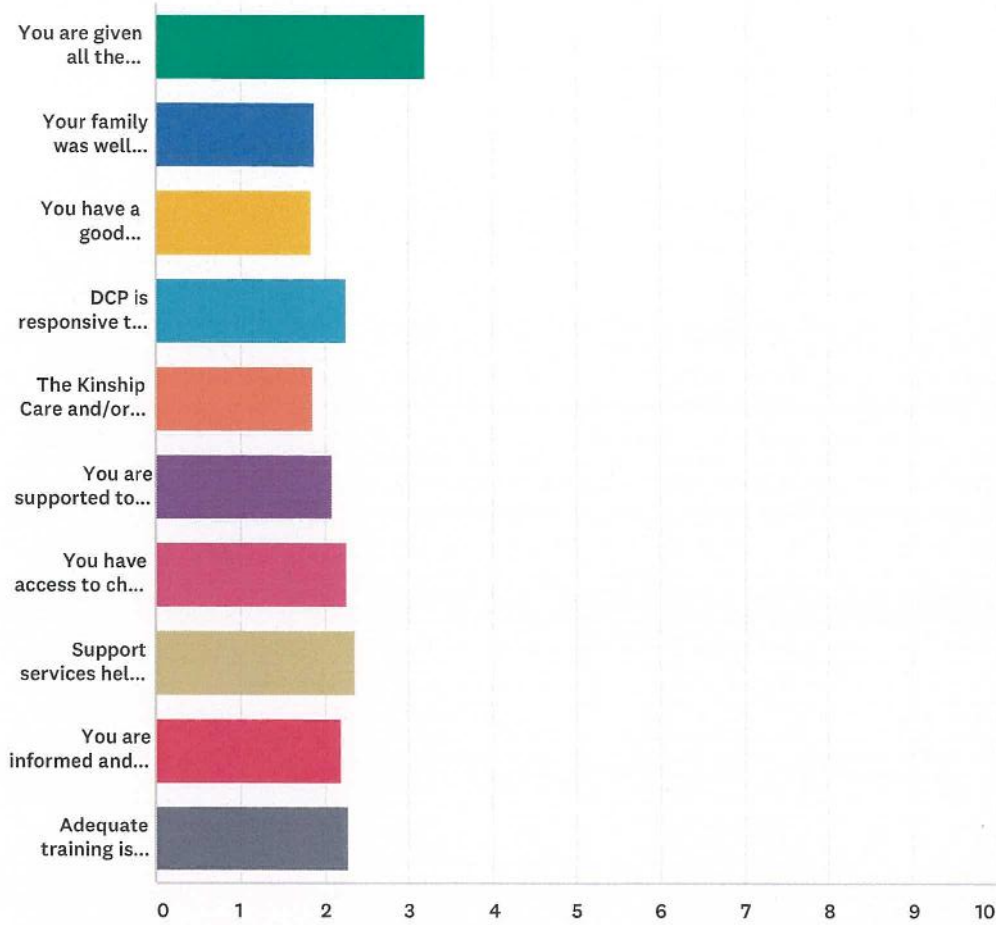
7	I think I probably have had a different experience than most - working within the foster care sector, I was really informed about all this stuff through my job before it began to impact on me personally.	7/26/2017 2:54 PM
8	not always given full information needed	7/26/2017 2:06 PM
9	Kinship Care was never mentioned to us when our Granddaughter was born and we were not given any information on help and support available to us at the time we applied for our granddaughter it took a good few months before we were given and told about a kinship worker!!!!	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
10	Limited information about the child's history is making it hard to understand specific behaviors or triggers.	7/26/2017 11:46 AM
11	I would like a lot more information about care concerns as they scare me.	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
12	I believe you can never be fully prepared for the role of a foster carer and what is involved, the children and their situations are all unique	7/24/2017 7:15 PM
13	The Social worker was not prepared at the information session we had when we met to discuss our first child. Case plans, medical history and family history were not shared.	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
14	Needing a more rapid response for psychology, and medical concerns.	7/24/2017 12:36 PM
15	can anything really prepare you for the day to day reality of dealing with a child with a trauma background? they are all different and we are still learning from them	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
16	Was over 20 years ago, lots has changed since then	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
17	Almost overkill on training	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
18	We were not giving information about one of our children as she had been with her siblings	7/20/2017 4:23 PM
19	Key Assets were great in preparing us	7/20/2017 3:46 PM
20	More financial assistance is definitely required as our son has special needs. It's been difficult to get the assistance we've needed.	7/20/2017 12:19 PM
21	I think there is a lot of on the job learning. There is much in the training that is not necessarily relevant to your situation	7/20/2017 11:14 AM
22	Therapeutic parenting added would be good	7/20/2017 9:25 AM
23	During the time that we went through the registration process, there were large gaps of time where there was very minimal communications. At the time, this was disappointing albeit understandable too. I believe this has since improved in the following years	7/20/2017 9:12 AM
24	Often insufficient information is given about a child's background, especially if it is something important the carer should know in order to help the child through a triggering event or to help understand behavioural issues. I feel that too much emphasis is placed on maintaining the parent/s' confidentiality and not enough on how this impacts on the child's needs	7/19/2017 5:29 PM
25	It is hard to meet the needs of a child in your care when no information is given to carers. After the sudden death of a string of pets, after a child left our care I was informed the child had a history of killing and torturing animals. Or there's the current children in my care who have had multiple broken bones due to physical abuse. Which bones?? I have no idea!! After 5 years I am still seeking information and have only a rough idea because the paediatrician informed me that one break involved the child's growth plate. DCP were happy to provide all medical staff and schools with detailed reports, but I as the long term carer have been given no information except "I will have to ask my supervisor if I can give that information to you." The information never comes! We also don't have birth certificates, a copy of the court order, nothing! So hard to open the child a bank account or fill out forms without documentation that's needed. A child has a right to have a original copy of their birth certificate ordered by DCP surely?	7/19/2017 4:36 PM
26	The course was focused on older children, we ended up with a toddler. We'd never had children and had no idea about the practicalities of raising a toddler let alone a traumatised one.	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
27	not enough information provided regarding the day to day impact trauma and medical issues would have on family life. Not enough information provided regarding the very real risk of taking on a child long term who may not be able to live independently as an adult due to delays and developmental issues - this is a real risk with all foster children. They may never leave home when reaching adulthood - how does this impact the life of a carer?	7/19/2017 2:46 PM
28	LWB has been great	7/19/2017 2:45 PM
29	I don't think you could ever get enough information about what to expect. we are always learning.	7/18/2017 1:12 PM
30	Wasn't provided any useful/beneficial information about my daughter prior to her moving in. Not even basic info like the foods she eats for breakfast.	7/18/2017 11:58 AM

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31	IT would be more beneficial to be given the truth of the good and bad and to hear from other foster parents	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
32	carers should be treated as the most important people for the child	7/16/2017 1:20 AM
33	Maybe didn't hear the sort of things I needed to, even though they may have been said	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
34	It was quite a while ago, but I don't know we could have retained much more info re children/system until children were in our home and we had context. I do remember thinking "I wonder why they are delving this deeply into our lives" but was given no understanding of assessment process.	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
35	No information given around how to deal with the violence from the children. Lots of information saying trauma but not what that looks like in the home environment and strategies to help	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
36	Constant battle to get anything done that is in best interest of boys	7/13/2017 10:03 PM
37	Approval took way too long	7/13/2017 1:43 PM
38	This process NEEDS to be a whole lot better	7/13/2017 11:34 AM
39	We are not told the truth about children placed into your care, EVER...	7/12/2017 10:34 PM
40	We were not told anything. We were supposed to be a relief carer but the child protection worker apparently brought the wrong form and signed us as the long term. Then 3 weeks later we were told we were taking the child or else	7/12/2017 10:04 PM
41	Registration needs to be a quicker process. Assessment needs to have more valid and realistic information on behaviours	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
42	Even though the children are related it was very hard dealing with their behaviours with now understanding of trauma	7/12/2017 8:45 PM
43	The children's needs have always been put first	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
44	After a long time we are only just getting to know the story and the extent of emotional and physical damage that was perpetrated. Therefore the parenting has been different than anything we have done before	7/12/2017 7:54 PM
45	I had to do a lot of follow up and question people to find answers	7/12/2017 7:29 PM
46	This process has improved substantially over last twelve months regarding information on child coming into your care	7/12/2017 7:07 PM
47	Not enough training to understand the child's rights, needs, what is allowed and who to talk to in time of need, why is the attachment theory not practiced more. If sisters and other siblings are to be broken up or placed in other homes there should be more contact for them: EG; phone contact or Skype, or park visits or in office for longer	7/12/2017 6:52 PM
48	When you become a carer it's hard to anticipate what your needs will be 10 years down the track as you don't know the child and how their needs will pan out.	7/12/2017 5:58 PM
49	more info on the children would be handy so you are forewarned to what you are about to receive	7/12/2017 5:28 PM
50	Very little information given to us at beginning.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
51	there is no way to prepare oneself to become a foster carer, you either can or can't.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
52	Can never be completely prepared, there is always something to learn	7/12/2017 4:29 PM
53	It was pretty poor!	7/12/2017 4:02 PM

### Q38 Providing Care - do you feel that...

Answered: 170 Skipped: 76



	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	NEUTRAL	RARELY	NEVER	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
You are given all the information you need about a child and/or young person before they move in, so you may look after them and others in your home safely?	9.47% 16	22.49% 38	13.02% 22	29.59% 50	14.79% 25	10.65% 18	169	3.20
Your family was well matched with the children and/or young people placed in your care?	37.87% 64	28.40% 48	14.79% 25	2.96% 5	2.37% 4	13.61% 23	169	1.88
You have a good relationship with DCP Kinship Care Workers and/or Foster Care Agency Support Workers?	42.01% 71	39.05% 66	10.06% 17	4.73% 8	2.37% 4	1.78% 3	169	1.84
DCP is responsive to your requests?	21.89% 37	46.75% 79	11.24% 19	14.20% 24	2.37% 4	3.55% 6	169	2.26
The Kinship Care and/or Foster Care Agency is responsive to your requests?	45.83% 77	29.17% 49	7.14% 12	8.33% 14	2.98% 5	6.55% 11	168	1.86
You are supported to provide a stable, secure and nurturing home environment?	37.06% 63	32.35% 55	15.29% 26	10.00% 17	3.53% 6	1.76% 3	170	2.09
You have access to child care and other benefits (eg paid parental leave)?	30.77% 52	21.89% 37	13.02% 22	5.33% 9	9.47% 16	19.53% 33	169	2.26



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Support services help you meet the needs of the child and/or young people placed in your care?	19.64% 33	41.07% 69	16.07% 27	7.74% 13	7.14% 12	8.33% 14	168	2.36
You are informed and confident about managing challenging behaviours?	27.98% 47	38.69% 65	16.07% 27	7.74% 13	5.36% 9	4.17% 7	168	2.20
Adequate training is offered to help with providing care?	31.55% 53	30.95% 52	17.26% 29	9.52% 16	7.14% 12	3.57% 6	168	2.27

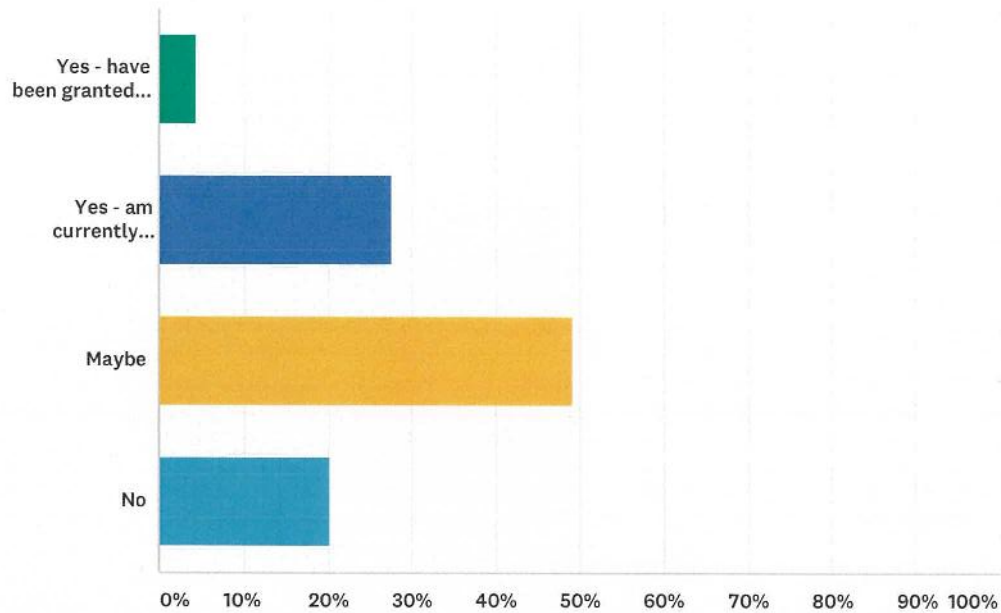
#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	Most of the care we do is Respite so some of the above questions do not apply to us	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
2	Its nice to now see that FSA know as carers I came in with a skill...now they need to acknowledge that when I give them information about ASD and what services child needs	7/31/2017 9:37 AM
3	alot of training has no after hours care which is very hard as a single parent to attend	7/27/2017 9:28 AM
4	Training here does not have childcare provided which is a big big hassle if it is on a day the kids are not at childcare/school.	7/25/2017 3:12 PM
5	Some of these answers change depending on what child/ social worker you have.	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
6	Would have liked more help with biological sibling mental health concerns and issues with foster child behaviours	7/24/2017 7:15 PM
7	Training is provided but i dont feel that's what I need. I want someone to be here and coach me in the moment. It would be far more effective and meaningful.	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
8	I'm a teacher so the behaviour I'm seeing doesn't phase me too much. If I didn't have my teaching experience behind me I'd flip out at the behavior I'm seeing.	7/21/2017 8:09 PM
9	As we both work full-time all support Groups and 99% of training is done 9 - 5 despite regularly requesting AH	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
10	We have a child with severe ASD but DCP will not pay for us to do any training in this area	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
11	Training is a rehash of the same information every year or 3. There is no new research.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
12	It would be great if there could be some sort of advanced training for experienced carers as opposed to the basic/general training available	7/20/2017 9:12 AM
13	We chose to take on a sibling of our first son, from birth. I was unable to access any paid leave, this was financially difficult and left us in debt. Our first son was sick and we were unprepared at how much time of work we'd need to care for him.	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
14	Inadequate hand over processes between DCP caseworkers - new case workers often not up to speed regarding the child's needs / struggles / etc. The Department take too long in granting approval for funding for much needed assessments, we have had to wait 8 months so far and are still waiting for an assessment to be done for our child as we are on a Department waiting list and have not been given to option by the Department to choose our own support service.	7/19/2017 2:46 PM
15	Agency great, DCP useless.	7/19/2017 7:42 AM
16	There should be an information package giving you access to all the supports needed/available for that young person.	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
17	As a kinship carer, we have never been offered any type of training to assist us to deal with trauma related behaviours. We were just given the children and given minimal information.	7/17/2017 3:09 PM
18	I am informed of help for the kids with their behaviour but havent been extremely confident.	7/16/2017 4:25 PM
19	So disappointed with the system and DCP/Families SA	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
20	I have accessed the best supports myself inc training through community based orgs (rather than just CP orgs).	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
21	I have a very good worker at DCP but know other carers in the region who wait up to 2 yrs for refund of expenses	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
22	Lack of 2 way communication between self and CPS makes caring difficult	7/13/2017 10:03 PM
23	The training i have sort myself. Support services have to be fought for with every tooth and nail payed for by DCP.	7/13/2017 2:20 PM
24	I had to leave my full time employment to be home for our child due to his emotional needs, this has impacted us greatly financially also and believe each case should be assessed for financial assistance on a case by case basis	7/13/2017 11:44 AM

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25	When I ask. AFSS good keeping certs up to date	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
26	I end up getting the information I need but it is not forthcoming; generally I need to chase it up.	7/13/2017 8:43 AM
27	MAP	7/13/2017 8:36 AM
28	I have had offers of training but with 2 kids in care its difficult to schedule daytime training.	7/13/2017 7:21 AM
29	Never offered at times working parents can attend	7/12/2017 10:04 PM
30	Currently I get great support from my local dcp office my ngo hasn't been a good support for the last few years	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
31	All my learning comes from friends and Google.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
32	There is to much training, raising our own kids and fostering at the same time we just don't benifit from much of it it is hard to get babysitters and often not relevant	7/12/2017 8:49 PM
33	I feel the training is not in depth enough	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
34	Teaining is restricted due to work commitments	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
35	Lots of behaviour difficulties only just getting help crisis has to be reached before there is help	7/12/2017 7:54 PM
36	Any help has been sourced by myself	7/12/2017 7:29 PM
37	Very Happy with ongoing training and support through Key Assets	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
38	Teacher got forty years and worked in cat 1 schools have many skills but not prepared for many realities of fostering	7/12/2017 7:07 PM
39	Good thing I have access to online training for childcare! Or any other questions	7/12/2017 6:52 PM
40	There isn't much support or contact with carers who have OPG. OPG is given with limited support in mind I guess however a child's needs change over time and anticipating those needs is impossible. It would be nice to have someone to speak with. OPG doesn't mean a child isn't in care, they still need to process being out of their birth families care.	7/12/2017 5:58 PM
41	Training? What training?	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
42	I constantly seek learning materials to help provide the best care and self care	7/12/2017 4:07 PM
43	All supports and resourcing has been my own initiative and cost. Zippo from Agency or DCP, even in crisis!	7/12/2017 4:02 PM
44	My relationship with my agency is poor, and i don't believe they offer adequate training at enough venues across Adelaide to allow access for all.	7/12/2017 4:01 PM

### Q39 Would you consider pursuing Other Person Guardianship (OPG)?

Answered: 163 Skipped: 83



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes - have been granted OPG	4.29%	7
Yes - am currently pursuing OPG	27.61%	45
Maybe	49.08%	80
No	20.25%	33
Total Respondents: 163		

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	I have been keen to pursue OPG, while there were two children it could apply to. Now that one has aged out of the system, I am reluctant to pursue it for the younger child as I couldn't have it for the oldest.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	Waiting to go from respite carer to full time parent of a child who I care for now	7/27/2017 10:57 PM
3	Currently only providing respite care so OPG not relevant	7/27/2017 8:16 AM
4	We hvae only had our little fella since earlier this year, but it is our intention to pursue OPG once he's been in our care for longer	7/26/2017 2:54 PM
5	The birth mother will make this difficult	7/25/2017 4:35 PM
6	You loose so much support and help.	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
7	Not appropriate as my child is 16	7/24/2017 1:36 PM
8	Plan to but want it to change. I dont see how it is such a long process... why are we being assessed again? If we are not fit parents then we should not have these children in our care. I think the matter needs to be handled delicately with the family member however I dont understand the need for a lot more scruinty of the foster carers.	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
9	No one seems to be able to give me clear direction on this.	7/23/2017 10:55 AM
10	waiting for cw to refer	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
11	What is it?	7/21/2017 8:09 PM
12	Unfortunately we have to go on a waiting list then wait to be contacted before even starting the process. It would be good if there was a way it could be shortened.	7/21/2017 7:40 PM
13	would love for this to occur but due to safety concerns not viable with the current system where paternal parents need to be notified	7/21/2017 6:20 PM

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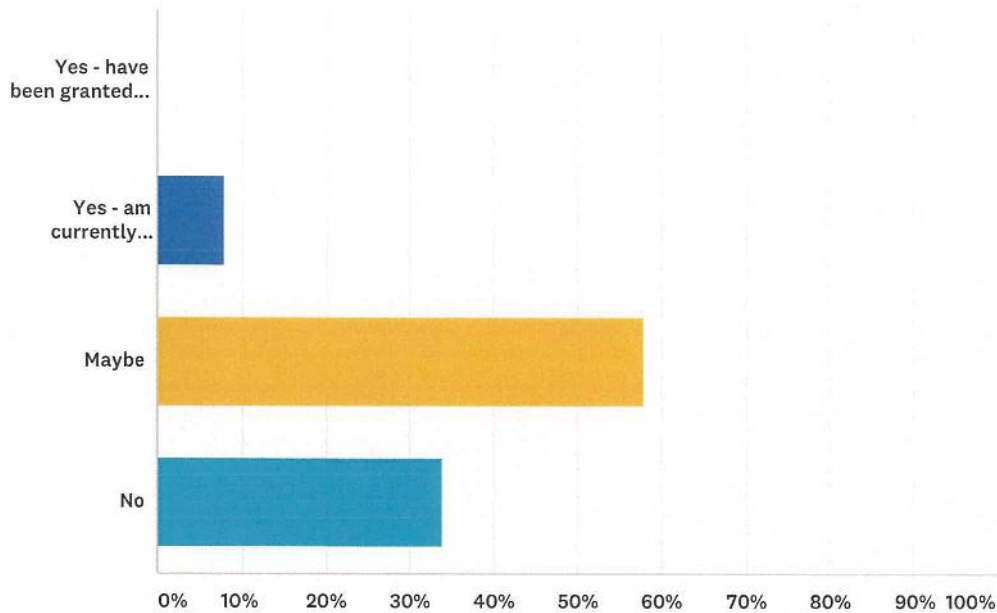
14	Would probably be easier than working with DPC	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
15	We have asked about this numerous times but always get told access will be the problem for our two lads	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
16	Would definitely like more info but hear it is hard to get	7/21/2017 6:36 AM
17	Don't even know what this is.	7/20/2017 10:22 PM
18	Still weighing up options.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
19	Have never heard of OPG	7/20/2017 3:50 PM
20	In our Situation, OPG isn't an option atm due to health concerns for our boy, but hopefully will be in the future.	7/20/2017 12:19 PM
21	Waiting for time period to elapse	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
22	We cannot as there is no access in place. I'm also concerned that OPG may mean no support for future complex problems that arise for our young people	7/20/2017 11:14 AM
23	not at this stage, but if providing long term care probably would	7/20/2017 10:36 AM
24	Hahaha since 2010 what a joke, I'm sure her worker doesn't want the work load.	7/20/2017 9:25 AM
25	See above comments	7/19/2017 10:58 PM
26	yes	7/19/2017 8:49 PM
27	As a non-working single parent, I would not be able to cope without foster care payments. If they continued until my children turned 18 then ABSOLUTELY!	7/19/2017 5:29 PM
28	We have been actively pursuing OPG but sadly DCP has done everything possible to slow the process down, dragging things out and not doing anything unless we hound them. We have full support from birth family to have OPG and also our local DCP was told by a senior social worker who visited for our children's annual review that we should have been given opg by now. That comment was made and the office told to begin the process over 12 months ago now. We are sadly no closer to having OPG. No one seems to want the children out of their control.	7/19/2017 4:36 PM
29	To me it looks like the department benefits more than the children and families. Adoption would be a more welcome option	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
30	When a child is placed with us then we would be very interested	7/19/2017 1:43 PM
31	Due to the complexities involved with the parents, OPG is not an option.	7/17/2017 3:09 PM
32	yes	7/17/2017 9:28 AM
33	The problem is the birth family would probably challenge it I think and even though I think longer-term it would be best for my child in the shorter-term it is much better to let sleeping dogs lie	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
34	Not sure what this means	7/16/2017 4:25 PM
35	we have tried but it didn't work out due to the level of support the children currently need	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
36	We asked for info and expressed interest but no information, support given.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
37	Children are close to aging out. OPG provides no legal benefit post 18.	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
38	Couldn't manage without financial support from CPS	7/13/2017 10:03 PM
39	Our child is 17	7/13/2017 8:36 PM
40	We asked 3 years ago and are now just being taken seriously.	7/13/2017 2:20 PM
41	the only this holding us back from OPG is the financial assistance we receive now would no longer be available to us and I am not able to work even part time due to the needs of our child	7/13/2017 11:44 AM
42	Don't know much about it?	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
43	Not sure what it exactly is and do you loose any support etc.	7/13/2017 9:35 AM
44	Its not relevant for our situation but if it were relevant, I would.	7/13/2017 8:43 AM
45	I will as soon as I can	7/12/2017 10:35 PM
46	we have been offered OPG now for 4 years and still DCP are offering it but never coming forward with anything to do with OPG.	7/12/2017 10:34 PM
47	Waiting for two years so far after requesting OPG but social workers have still not applied for it.	7/12/2017 10:09 PM
48	I have met a number of road blocks, but will be self referring in Dec, when the youngest child has been in our care for 2 years.	7/12/2017 9:58 PM

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49	Will follow up with younger children this year	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
50	If it became necessary	7/12/2017 9:28 PM
51	Yes, if the right child came up.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
52	Help with larger items eg home extentions would help alot	7/12/2017 8:52 PM
53	When the children I have are much older	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
54	Respite carer. Lots of support services in place may not available if ho opt. Birth parents not at all involved no access by having to re connect may cause complications.	7/12/2017 7:54 PM
55	Concerned about financial implications	7/12/2017 7:34 PM
56	Very sketchy details about timing of process	7/12/2017 7:29 PM
57	I applied 6 years ago and was put on hold as my partner and I were considering parting. Requested two years ago that this be progressed. Application submitted about a month ago. If system serious about this ... let's do it instead of blowing wind. Let's think about the children!	7/12/2017 6:44 PM
58	We would consider it if the financial support was equivalent to NSW	7/12/2017 6:16 PM
59	We have been told DCP don't want it to happen for any child	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
60	If we were supported financially, we would	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
61	I have expressed an interest for when the time is right	7/12/2017 4:29 PM
62	I'd personally love to, although thhe system makes it increasing harder to do this	7/12/2017 4:22 PM
63	Not sure what it means	7/12/2017 4:17 PM
64	Have tried and tried and tried. No response from DCP.	7/12/2017 4:01 PM
65	Have been denied OPG due to danger of birth parent that dcp don't allow to see the child anyway ??	7/12/2017 3:51 PM

## Q40 Would you consider pursuing adoption?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes - have been granted adoption	0.00% 0
Yes - am currently pursuing adoption	8.02% 13
Maybe	58.02% 94
No	33.95% 55
Total Respondents: 162	

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	Adoption of the youngest was mentioned at one Annual Review, however, it's not an option that is available due to outside influences.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	Not ever ,they have parents , we are grandparents.	7/27/2017 11:43 PM
3	When she is 18yrs old	7/27/2017 10:57 PM
4	if offered for sure	7/27/2017 9:28 AM
5	Not relevant to respite care	7/27/2017 8:16 AM
6	yes would love to	7/26/2017 10:03 PM
7	As far as i know, not really an option in SA	7/26/2017 2:54 PM
8	I didn't think adoption was an option in south Australia but if it was available would definitely consider	7/26/2017 2:52 PM
9	Not for a grandchild!	7/26/2017 2:23 PM
10	I'm a not the parent. If their family didn't want them then I may but when they have been removed no	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
11	its a problem re family contact that is what would hold us back.	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
12	Would love more information.	7/24/2017 12:36 PM
13	Depends on whether this would grant permanency and supports would remain in place	7/23/2017 3:52 PM
14	Would love to adopt, but again, no one seems clear on how.	7/23/2017 10:55 AM
15	currently have a great relationship with bio family and dont want to jeopardise it, for the sake of our child and her future relationship with her birth family	7/21/2017 8:29 PM

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16	Yes would love to adopt but it is NEVER talked about among the agencies and have never even been asked if we would like to adopt.	7/21/2017 7:40 PM
17	if this was a possiability definitely	7/21/2017 6:20 PM
18	Probably way too old to be a reality	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
19	Yes but coldnt afford it as we have 4 of our own and 2 foster kids	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
20	Would love to be able to adopt the children in our care presently	7/20/2017 10:03 PM
21	Too old	7/20/2017 4:23 PM
22	Thinking about it.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
23	When and if it becomes legal to adopt our foster son in SA, then yes we would definitely consider it.	7/20/2017 12:19 PM
24	Haven't been offered this option but would be high priority for us.	7/20/2017 11:28 AM
25	Would love to but very difficult in sa	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
26	Too old	7/20/2017 10:44 AM
27	not in our current situation, not likely to be appropriate	7/20/2017 10:36 AM
28	Would love to adopt my long term	7/20/2017 9:25 AM
29	If that were an option for us, we would absolutely love that!	7/20/2017 9:12 AM
30	yes	7/19/2017 8:49 PM
31	As above - I would require ongoing financial support until the children turned 18	7/19/2017 5:29 PM
32	We would LOVE adoption!!!! Have full support of birth family. Is adoption even possible? It seems like a dream. We are financially very able to adopt, we are young-ish haha, and have a strong family support network. Why has adoption not ever been discussed as possible? The birth mother wants us to adopt and we felt if OPG is so hard then adoption would not even be possible!	7/19/2017 4:36 PM
33	Yes but don't know how and haven't had a social worker long enough to follow through the discussion in practical terms	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
34	We would love to adopt	7/19/2017 1:43 PM
35	Maybe later when the child is much older, not while there is contact with birth mother	7/18/2017 1:12 PM
36	Would love to!	7/18/2017 11:58 AM
37	would love to go this way but have been told in no term will they even look at adoption its not what they do	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
38	Our job is to raise these children, we are their family and don't see the need to pursue adoption.	7/17/2017 3:09 PM
39	Absolutely	7/17/2017 9:28 AM
40	I would love to pursue adoption but I can't without birth family agreeing as far as I know and they wouldn't. Also I cannot afford to lose financial support.	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
41	we would like the children to adopt us	7/16/2017 1:20 AM
42	Would have loved to 15 years ago but was not an option. Are you saying adoption from foster care is on the table?	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
43	bio parents wont allow	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
44	Would of love to adopted her but biological mother wouldn't approve so changed her last name to ours in the courts	7/13/2017 8:36 PM
45	Adoption would loose the benefits for the 2 guardianship children. We use these to support all of us as our 2 grandchildren don't attract any payment	7/13/2017 4:57 PM
46	The same with relation to adoption its the financial aspect only holding us back	7/13/2017 11:44 AM
47	If the child had thought about it and wanted it maybe	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
48	Our daughter would like her kids back at least part time. She has access anytime.	7/13/2017 7:21 AM
49	Don't think I'm entitled to	7/12/2017 10:35 PM
50	I think this needs to be looked for carer's piece of mind.	7/12/2017 9:47 PM
51	Hoping this is an option in the future	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
52	I wouldn't ask the girls to have their mothers parental rights removed	7/12/2017 9:31 PM

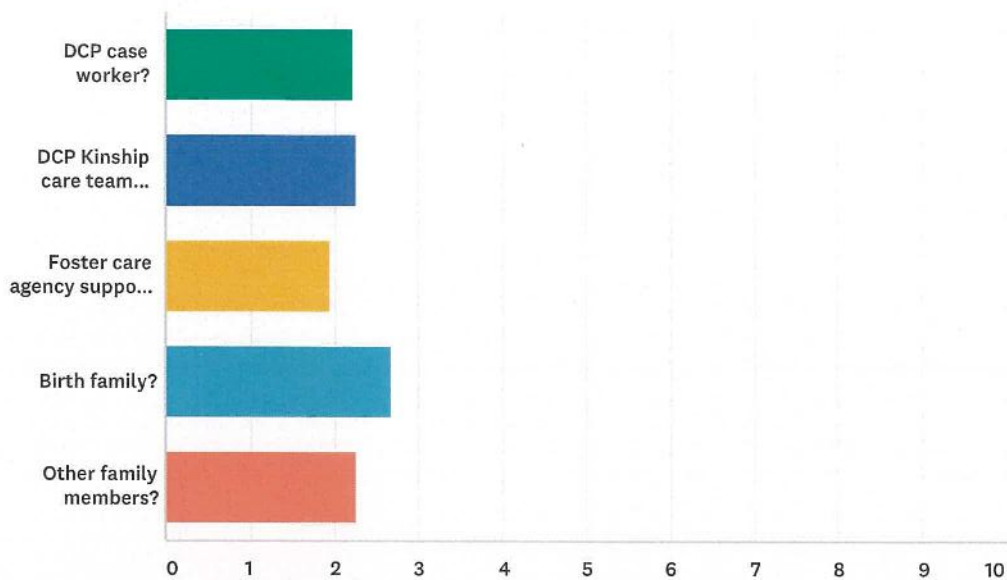
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53	If it became necessary	7/12/2017 9:28 PM
54	But only because of my age. I am a firm believer in foster care being a means to an end not a forever plan	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
55	Yes, if the right child came up, we have had 2 since birth, would have definitely considered adoption if they stayed gom18 as they were meant to before dcp changed the outcome for reasons we did not agree with.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
56	Changing the family dynamics would be way to complicated and could cause a lot of conflict	7/12/2017 8:45 PM
57	I would pursue adoption however I have been told it's not an option in SA	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
58	Not while the biological parents are still seeking access	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
59	We are both 60 and have come into Fostering too late in life to consider adoption..although we have 2 GOM 18+ children hopefully until they are 18	7/12/2017 7:19 PM
60	Yes I would love to adopt my daughter and she wants me to	7/12/2017 6:44 PM
61	It really depends on the financial support. We want to be absolutely sure that we are financially able to cope with the high needs of a child with a disability	7/12/2017 6:16 PM
62	as he is my grandson	7/12/2017 6:13 PM
63	they would not allow it at my age	7/12/2017 5:28 PM
64	Yes but it's not allowed in sa ooo	7/12/2017 5:28 PM
65	Absolutely but have been told it isnt a option	7/12/2017 5:04 PM
66	Not for our current child, but in principle, yes	7/12/2017 4:02 PM
67	Not an option?? Am now hoping to pursue adoption after they turn 18.	7/12/2017 4:01 PM
68	My answer is yes	7/12/2017 3:51 PM



## Q41 Care Relationships - how would you rate your relationship with the following:

Answered: 169 Skipped: 77



	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
DCP case worker?	29.59% 50	33.73% 57	21.89% 37	4.14% 7	6.51% 11	4.14% 7	169	2.21
DCP Kinship care team support worker?	10.43% 17	15.95% 26	9.20% 15	1.84% 3	2.45% 4	60.12% 98	163	2.25
Foster care agency support worker?	40.12% 67	20.96% 35	16.77% 28	3.59% 6	3.59% 6	14.97% 25	167	1.94
Birth family?	8.93% 15	22.02% 37	23.81% 40	6.55% 11	5.95% 10	32.74% 55	168	2.68
Other family members?	16.17% 27	25.15% 42	21.56% 36	3.59% 6	1.80% 3	31.74% 53	167	2.26

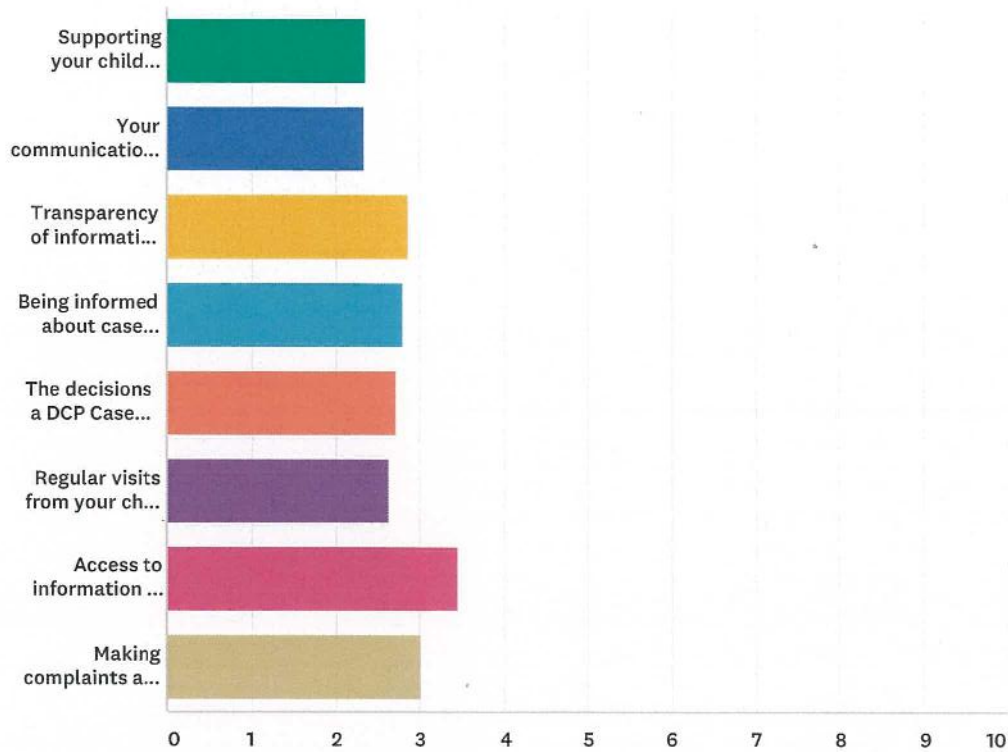
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1	Currently, we are unallocated without a worker.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	Kinship care worker will often say .I knew you had a lot on your plate so I didn't bother you.....yeah great support.	7/27/2017 11:43 PM
3	i arrange private access with siblings	7/27/2017 9:28 AM
4	I hvae indicated neutral re our DCP case worker, because we have just got a new worker who is brilliant, but the one before her was terrible	7/26/2017 2:54 PM
5	I am satisfied with one DCP CW but will be very relived when we move on from another office and a cw who has been extremely unprofessional and not child focused	7/26/2017 2:52 PM
6	As birth mum is my daughterkki	7/25/2017 12:32 PM
7	These also change depending on the situation	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
8	I have never met any of the birth family	7/24/2017 2:39 PM
9	I dont have a relationship with the birth family or the family members. I support my children to have a meaningful relationship with them however/	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
10	I dont have a DCP worker as we dont have a child at the moment but in past have been great	7/23/2017 4:55 PM

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11	for one child very positive. other child not so positive	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
12	due to safety concerns birth family access not feasible currently	7/21/2017 6:20 PM
13	Dip can be very slack. Don't have contact for weeks sometimes months. Isn't that much of an issue for long term child but it is for the shorter term placements	7/21/2017 6:36 AM
14	Our son wants nothing to do with his birth family.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
15	Great relationship with child's sisters	7/20/2017 1:33 PM
16	We have tried to establish relationships with the birth family.. This has not been encouraged or supported by dcp worker	7/20/2017 1:24 PM
17	who do you mean by other family members? My family?	7/20/2017 10:36 AM
18	Birth father is problematic (threatening, violent, manipulative, has threatened to stalk us), birth mother is my sister. Our relationship has not been supported throughout this process by the department. We previously had a very good relationship, which has been necessarily affected by the care arrangement, but has also been needlessly damaged by a lot of departmental meddling, restrictions and misinformation.	7/19/2017 10:58 PM
19	I have had a pretty steady stream of social workers since day 1. I think the longest I've had one is about 12 months and there have been many times I have had 2 or 3 in the space of 6 months	7/19/2017 5:29 PM
20	Access to siblings in care is difficult due to the children's age	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
21	we are satisfied with our current DCP worker. however we have had many workers previously who we would rate as 'very dissatisfied'.	7/19/2017 2:46 PM
22	Case worker limbo for last 6 months...	7/19/2017 7:42 AM
23	It has been very difficult to promote connections with the birth family due to lack of information/support to do this	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
24	I have worked extremely hard so my daughter has a close/stronger relationship with bio brother, grandparents and aunty/uncle	7/18/2017 11:58 AM
25	where allowed have developed good open relationships with natural family,however guarded with the departments as they try to use counselling techniques and not really listen	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
26	Relationship with DCP is hot and cold, however that has to put aside to ensure DCP's obligations as the guardians are met.	7/17/2017 3:09 PM
27	we have no contact with any of the childrens birth family,. Have only just been allocated a new agency support worker. Our current DCP worker is great!	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
28	DCP caseworker and Kinship can be supportive and on the other hand provide nothing (like what happened when asked for help). DCP staff i believe expect us to be their puppets and don't like us acting on behalf of the children interests.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
29	I am thinking of DCP workers we have had over past15 years. The 3 of them have been amazing!	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
30	I have had the same DCP worker for 8 yrs and have a good relationship but understand this is very rare	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
31	We do not have access with her own biological family as our foster daughter has severe PTSD so would retrauma her	7/13/2017 8:36 PM
32	we have done all access visits with birth family for the last 3yrs there is no involvement from DCP at all	7/13/2017 11:44 AM
33	I have no contact with birth family.	7/13/2017 8:43 AM
34	Birth family are perpetrators of abuse	7/13/2017 8:36 AM
35	Reasonable relationship with birth mother, I attend all access and is amicable. Birth Father is dangerous and no positive contact has occurred.	7/12/2017 9:58 PM
36	Case workers vary so much, one will give everything needed, and lots of support etc, others give very little. Accare support is always on top of every need.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
37	Paternal grandparents of 2 of the children very disrespectful to DCP and feels they are above the law when it comes to their son seeing the children	7/12/2017 8:45 PM
38	Contact with family members is to DCP	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
39	My daughter doesn't want to see her family. This has been pushed to the point where I believe the interests of my daughter wasn't coming first. They haven't pushed this in recent times	7/12/2017 6:44 PM
40	we would usually persue a good relationship with birth families, but this birth family isn't keen.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM

## Q42 Case Management - how do you feel about:

Answered: 169 Skipped: 77



	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Supporting your child and/or young person's relationship with their DCP Case Worker?	20.71% 35	35.50% 60	22.49% 38	10.65% 18	3.55% 6	7.10% 12	169	2.36
Your communication and collaboration with your child and/or young person's DCP Case Worker?	22.16% 37	37.72% 63	16.77% 28	11.98% 20	4.79% 8	6.59% 11	167	2.35
Transparency of information from the DCP Case Worker?	15.38% 26	24.85% 42	23.08% 39	16.57% 28	13.02% 22	7.10% 12	169	2.86
Being informed about case decisions and other issues affecting the child and/or young people placed in your care?	15.98% 27	26.04% 44	20.12% 34	24.85% 42	7.69% 13	5.33% 9	169	2.81

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The decisions a DCP Case Worker makes based on the best interests of the child and/or young people placed in your care?	19.05% 32	25.60% 43	22.02% 37	16.67% 28	10.12% 17	6.55% 11	168	2.71
Regular visits from your child and/or young person's DCP Case Worker?	17.75% 30	27.22% 46	24.26% 41	11.83% 20	8.88% 15	10.06% 17	169	2.63
Access to information and care records?	4.14% 7	13.61% 23	29.59% 50	23.08% 39	19.53% 33	10.06% 17	169	3.45
Making complaints and addressing care concerns?	4.73% 8	23.67% 40	27.22% 46	11.83% 20	11.24% 19	21.30% 36	169	3.02

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	last twelve months no regular children in our care.	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
2	We are currently unallocated, so have little contact with the dept at this stage.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
3	One needs to be aware that there is a care concern before they can address it !!!!!	7/28/2017 11:35 AM
4	Due to so many caseworkers I don't encourage close relationships. The children have been upset by others leaving in the past. We have enough to deal with.	7/27/2017 11:43 PM
5	i have an amazing dcp worker for last 3 years before that my answers would be very different as i had no support	7/27/2017 9:28 AM
6	I have based my responses only on one cw who I am very dissatisfied with	7/26/2017 2:52 PM
7	All good now but had problems in the past...	7/26/2017 2:23 PM
8	Case worker comes when able to	7/26/2017 11:44 AM
9	I do not think the worker has read the file on our child	7/25/2017 4:35 PM
10	Ive had 1 care concern which was dealt with very quickly but I don't agree with carers being told there is a care concern but then having to wait days/weeks for the departments to deal with it.	7/25/2017 3:12 PM
11	Care concerns terrify me.	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
12	my SW is great. Previous SW not impressed.	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
13	Decisions made around access and court orders are still very adult focused. The child's needs are not being put first.	7/23/2017 3:52 PM
14	this is for second child. after 5 weeks i still havent seen the case worker! information is scarce.	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
15	There still is a bit of a culture that the decisions get made for the children in care before any consultation has occurred with the foster parents. Which can be frustrating because DCP can be working towards a goal that you know nothing about, so there is no way to work together. Also if they are wanting good communication from the foster parents they need to be setting the example.	7/21/2017 7:40 PM
16	Everything is a bit of a non event only contact either way is if one or the other wants something	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
17	New to the role - no expectations as yet (or need for some of these things)	7/20/2017 10:22 PM
18	New case worker, only a few months in. Ask me again in 6 months.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
19	Was unable to receive any feedback of requested to DCP. Sent a letter to the Mnister for assistance.	7/20/2017 1:24 PM
20	Mentioned previously about care concern process need overhaul. Carers are treated as guilty, carers are disrespected and bullied. I feel like if you make complaints and push higher to have your child's needs met you end up being punished by dcp	7/20/2017 11:14 AM
21	as we provide respite care we have limited contact with DCP worker but the contact we have had has been helpful	7/20/2017 10:36 AM

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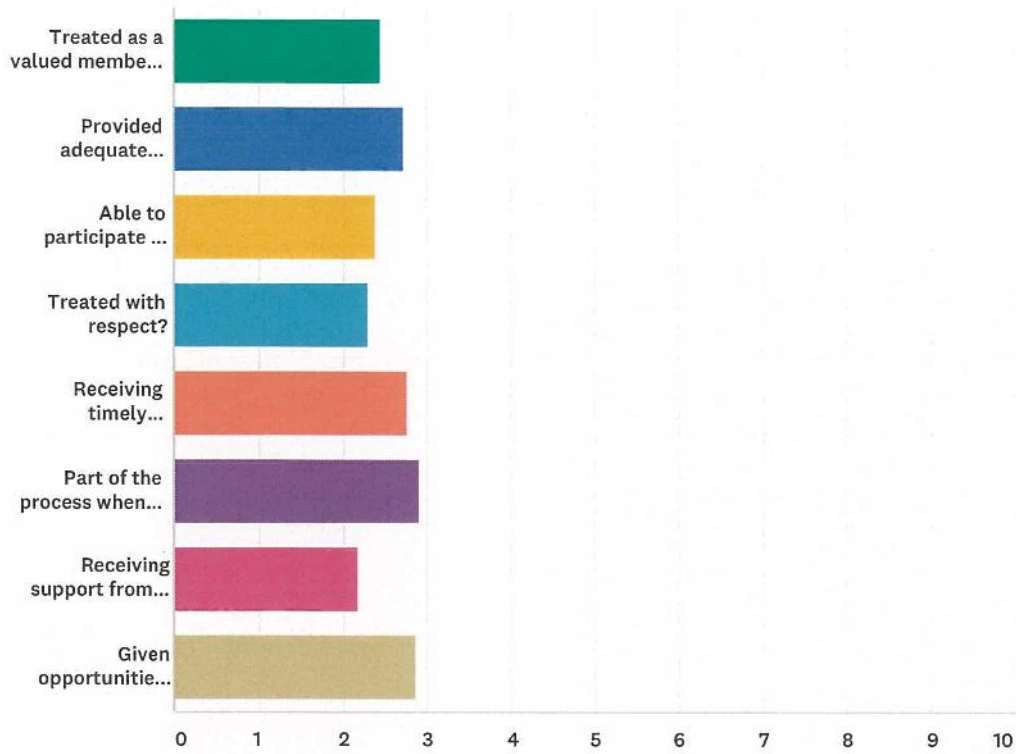
22	This is based on my long care child	7/20/2017 9:25 AM
23	Nothing happens without a fight. My case worker is very inexperienced, and constantly doing what they perceive to be the 'correct' thing, which is often based on their own misinterpretation of information. This results in me having to be constantly questioning the basis of decisions, and whether the correct people have been consulted. It is difficult navigating a system you don't know anything about, when you have to be so specific about what you need before you can access it. It's sometimes a little bit cloak and dagger - hearing about what someone else has done, and then asking if you can do the same, only to be met with suspicion, because you know or are suggesting differently. I am constantly researching and questioning. It would be really great if the worker were a true advocate for this child, and worked with me to work the system (legitimately) to get the best outcomes, but what a remote fantasy this seems!	7/19/2017 10:58 PM
24	Our current dcp whiskey is lovely but is only available every second week and has a large work load. Or last worker was absent lots and pushy and would often forget what he'd agreed to. It all depends on the worker and unfortunately we have had	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
25	DCP are either under resourced, or completely inadequate and unprofessional in their role..	7/19/2017 11:15 AM
26	Still waiting on a concern/complaint from October 2016	7/18/2017 11:58 AM
27	do not make complaints as you get the counselling techniques and affirmative listening techniques but the words are at odds with what your saying, support workers appear to want to placate DCP more than be your support	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
28	We encourage our children to get to know their caseworker.	7/17/2017 3:09 PM
29	Disatisfied as workers change so often its unsettling having new workers coming then not seeing them for months and months then a new worker comes its not normal for children to have this happen in a settled family. They should case manage each child based on their situation rather than one size fits all monthly home visits that never occur.	7/17/2017 9:28 AM
30	We had a really good social worker but lost that worker and now we have about our 13th or 14th worker who as usual doesn't really know any details about the situation. Here we go again ... also the social worker is so disrespectful of the young person's privacy - for example calling their tutor directly when their tutor doesn't necessarily even know they are in kinship care. And the young person doesn't like people knowing. Social worker like a bull in a china shop. What an idiot.	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
31	the case worker should be there to support you not be the friend or parent of the child	7/16/2017 1:20 AM
32	Communication is an area DCP needs training in. We have voiced this and of course not liked for it.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
33	We have had excellent DCP workers who have stayed 5+years. They have focussed on child in family of belonging (us) and never questioned that.	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
34	There needs to be consistency from all workers on what the department will cover. Not fair I can get things paid for and others can't just because their worker doesn't do their research	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
35	Requests are sometimes knocked back	7/13/2017 10:03 PM
36	We don't need the case worker to visit regulary when the kids are long term.	7/13/2017 2:20 PM
37	our DCP worker values our input greatly and feels we best know what our child needs, she will always advocate for the child and us	7/13/2017 11:44 AM
38	I have my say	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
39	New case worker just assigned after 18 months of being unallocated. Too soon to know how it will work out. Previous worker persisted with programs despite evidence they were causing distress to some of the children. No communication or response to phone messages/emails, sometimes for weeks then would visit after weeks of not seeing children and make demands and attempt to micromanage situations	7/12/2017 10:09 PM
40	care concerns that are unsubstantiated shouldn't be left on our carer records	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
41	Care concerns thst are unsubstantiated and/or malicious need to removed from carers files.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
42	Often don't hear about decisions until weeks after meeting happen, or until we ask. This varies with case workers.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
43	Regular visits from DCP are disruptive.	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
44	There seems to lots of promises with no follow up.	7/12/2017 7:54 PM
45	This is improving in recent times (last 6-12 months)	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
46	one bad case worker can cause foster carers to exit the system. fortunately we've only had one, and we escalated to office of the guardian, then action was taken. most workers are good.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM

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47	These answers would be VASTLY different (dissatisfied to Very dissatisfied)?for 6 out of the 7 previous SWs!	7/12/2017 4:02 PM
48	Our worker is excellent but the system is still appalling. Information is treated as power.	7/12/2017 4:01 PM

### Q43 Participation and involvement as part of the Care Team - do you feel you are:

Answered: 168 Skipped: 78



	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Treated as a valued member of your child and/or young person's Care Team?	23.95% 40	33.53% 56	18.56% 31	11.98% 20	8.38% 14	3.59% 6	167	2.45
Provided adequate information (including health, safety, Centrelink, Medicare)?	14.29% 24	32.14% 54	22.02% 37	17.26% 29	8.33% 14	5.95% 10	168	2.72
Able to participate in decision making – particularly regarding aspects of the child and/or young person's life (including education, health and social activities)?	22.02% 37	35.71% 60	19.05% 32	12.50% 21	4.76% 8	5.95% 10	168	2.39
Treated with respect?	31.14% 52	31.14% 52	20.96% 35	5.99% 10	9.58% 16	1.20% 2	167	2.31
Receiving timely responses to requests made on behalf of child and/or young person?	14.88% 25	29.76% 50	23.21% 39	16.07% 27	10.71% 18	5.36% 9	168	2.77

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Part of the process when dealing with the birth family (including reunification)?	7.88%	17.58%	20.61%	12.73%	7.27%	33.94%	165	2.91	
Receiving support from the Kinship care team or Foster care agency?	32.34%	26.35%	14.37%	7.78%	5.99%	13.17%	167	2.18	
Given opportunities for respite?	10.84%	20.48%	21.08%	6.63%	12.65%	28.31%	166	2.86	
#	ANY COMMENTS?						DATE		
1	I am able to drive what is needed for the child in my care.						7/28/2017 8:44 PM		
2	Respite ? What's that? Seriously though because I refuse to leave the kids with strangers ( would you leave yours with strangers?) and want continuity with respite I feel I'm treated unfairly. I have actually cancelled plans ect because there's no one available or I'm told by respite services " I don't get to choose where they go" . Currently two years since I've had a break.						7/27/2017 11:43 PM		
3	Respite in the country is very hard not enough carers . would be great if ccarer could come to my home and look after children as my boys never want to leave home because of their dissability						7/26/2017 11:44 AM		
4	we have not been offered respite						7/25/2017 4:35 PM		
5	My mum does respite but if she is busy there is no respite.						7/25/2017 3:12 PM		
6	Reunification has been very detrimental to our young child who had to endure it for almost 3 years. I never want to be involved with reunification again in this lifetime.						7/24/2017 2:39 PM		
7	Our only respite option is emergency care this is not in my child's best interests so I will not use it.						7/24/2017 1:36 PM		
8	still working through this we expect to have a transition plan to respite and not to just hand our children over to a stranger as a result the planned respite has not progressed						7/24/2017 1:25 PM		
9	Currently exhausted and in need of respite and financial assistance to meet housing needs for children but everything requires loads of paperwork and approval time and in the meantime we are running on empty						7/23/2017 3:52 PM		
10	for first child						7/21/2017 8:29 PM		
11	Haven't had any yet. Only had child 4 weeks.						7/21/2017 8:09 PM		
12	We are treated like second class citizens.						7/20/2017 3:52 PM		
13	After 9 emails to DCP worker I have never received a response, not even a thanks I will consider your email. PPhone calls to DCP Senior Case Worker have never been returned. DCP do not communicate with my Foster Care Agency Worker.						7/20/2017 1:24 PM		
14	We do now have respite but it's been a battle to set up regular help. We have also had to cancel plans because they couldn't organise respite						7/20/2017 11:14 AM		
15	We have had 6 dcp workers in 4 years, some good, some bad.						7/19/2017 2:49 PM		
16	our treatment by some DCP workers has been completely unprofessional. We have had to drive my own car to a DCP office to provide transport for our DCP worker so that we can go to access as the DCP worker was unable to find their own way there. I have been (unreasonably) requested by a DCP worker to supervise an outdoor access on my own (ie me being the only adult present) between 4 foster children, two under the age of 6. Upon declining, I was then told that this would not go well for our OPG process. So at times I have been treated with disrespect, not valued, and have felt very much at the 'bottom of the care team' rather than as an equal member of the care team. Like many other foster carers, I am reluctant to make a complaint because we are very aware we have no rights, and the fear of having a child removed by an unreasonable worker who has a grudge is too great. we would rather put up with mistreatment and threats than run the risk of having our children removed from our care.						7/19/2017 2:46 PM		
17	Neutal or negative responses are based on dealings with DCP over the last 7 months						7/19/2017 11:15 AM		
18	I had to be very persistent/insistent to get a support team around our young person due to lack of staff						7/18/2017 2:59 PM		
19	Never asked or been asked for respite. I use family and friends.						7/18/2017 11:58 AM		

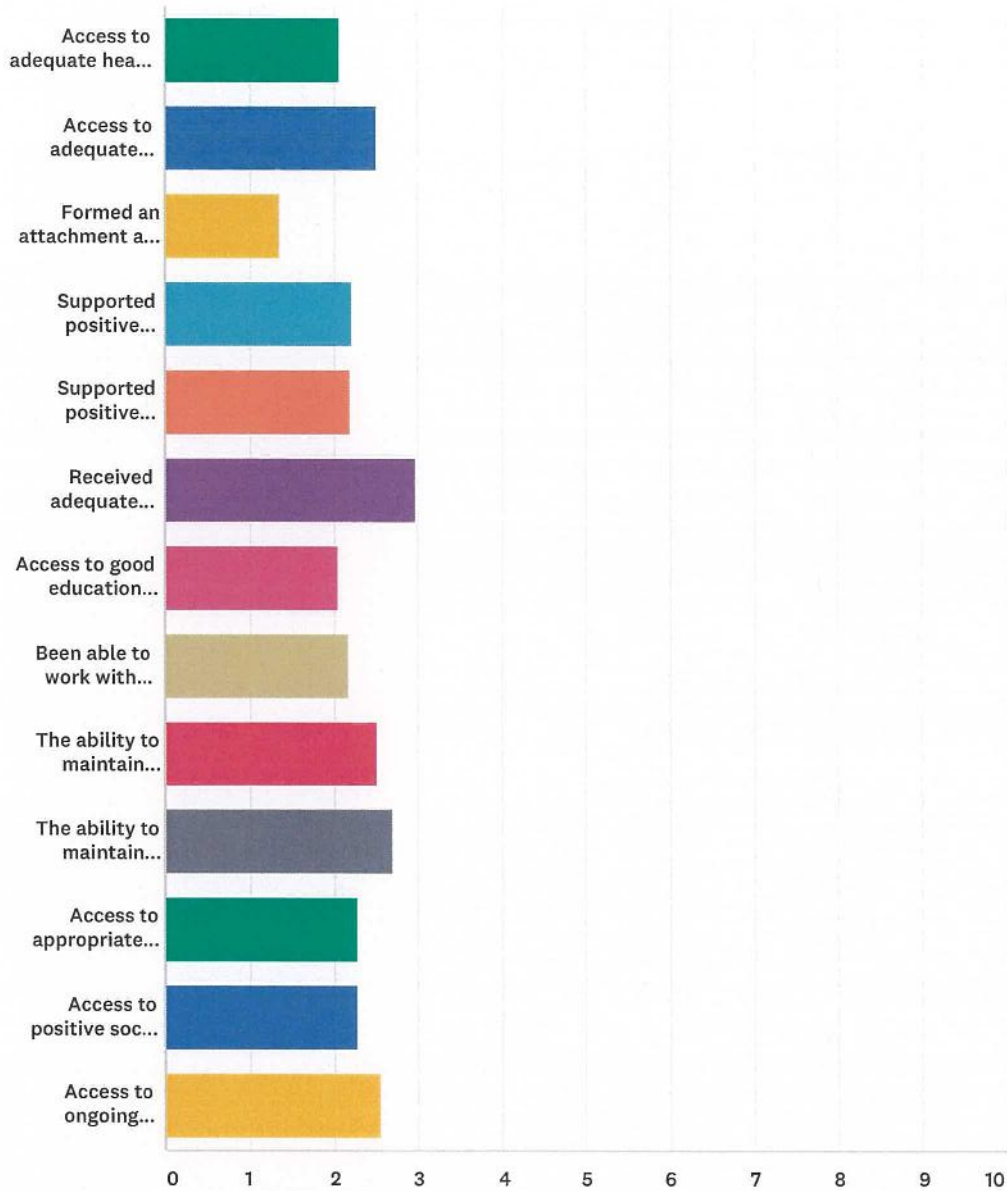


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20	Respite in the foster care arena is not an option we use, within our family we work out respite amongst us.	7/17/2017 3:09 PM
21	social worker	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
22	Respite is very difficult	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
23	Willing to meet and discuss further	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
24	Part of the "Fresh Start Program" through anglicare so supported more than normal care	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
25	Constantly told there's no respite available to you	7/13/2017 10:03 PM
26	Ask anyone how long a passport takes from start to finish. Reunificaton has caused long term damage to one of our FC.	7/13/2017 2:20 PM
27	I plan it and just send dates etc to DCP and AFSS	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
28	Partly caused by wife who has refused respite	7/13/2017 7:21 AM
29	Have had very positive interactions with all DCP workers until one particular worker assigned. Then became very negative and everything we did seemed to be vowed with suspicion. Two workers came and interviewed all children separately but we were never told why or what the concerns were. We were told we had nothing to worry about and the difficult worker never came back. Still don't know what the issue was.	7/12/2017 10:09 PM
30	The answers here depend on the DCP worker, so for each child you have a different worker. We have had some horrible experiences with workers yet with our OPG son we had great workers. These questions don't really give a good view given some carers have numerous workers.	7/12/2017 9:45 PM
31	I don't access respite for my children	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
32	I have mainly been treated with respect and gained things that my children were entitled to ONLY after including Susan Close in my correspondence with the CW & SW. I was promised respite before and many times during a 21 month placement yet it took the breakdown of the placement for them to manage 2 nights break!! Disgraceful. I am certain that had this promised respite been provided, the placement would have been ongoing.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
33	I feel as a carer we are very left out of all the decision making, never invited to attend meetings or be a part of the care team. I have never had the opportunity to have a say in reunification either. Respite is available if needed, and the foster care agency always provide great support.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
34	Non existent	7/12/2017 8:45 PM
35	If DCP had their way I would have no dealings with the birth family which is not a healthy option for the children or their family members	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
36	Would like respite from both children at same time occasionally. One chold has monthly respite. The other has none. It took a very long time for respite to commence and tge referral was made by the kinship care worker not the case worker	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
37	On the few occasions ie prior to the girls case being decided by the Court.....when I was visited by; in my case; FSA staff, they were as helpful and supportative as they were able to be considering they were actually under the care of DHS in Victoria.	7/12/2017 8:02 PM
38	To much to type	7/12/2017 6:52 PM
39	Don't need respite	7/12/2017 6:44 PM
40	Have not been given access in 5 years despite high need	7/12/2017 4:58 PM
41	nearly exited the system as we need regular monthly respite. hadn't received for over 6 months.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
42	As with previous, answers only reflect current SW, not 6 out of the 7 previous SWs.	7/12/2017 4:02 PM
43	Respite is offered in a one size fits all model. If it doesn't fit for our family, too bad.	7/12/2017 4:01 PM
44	my early dealings with FSA were very UNSATISFACTORY new office/workers make a HUGE difference	7/12/2017 3:49 PM

### Q44 Supporting development of your child and/or young people placed in your care - do you feel you have...

Answered: 168 Skipped: 78



	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Access to adequate health services?	26.35% 44	46.11% 77	11.38% 19	8.38% 14	1.80% 3	5.99% 10	167	2.08
Access to adequate therapeutic services?	16.67% 28	29.76% 50	17.86% 30	12.50% 21	5.36% 9	17.86% 30	168	2.51
Formed an attachment and have a strong parent-child relationship?	68.86% 115	22.75% 38	2.99% 5	0.60% 1	1.20% 2	3.59% 6	167	1.37

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Supported positive contact with birth family?	18.07% 30	30.12% 50	16.27% 27	1.81% 3	4.22% 7	29.52% 49	166	2.21
Supported positive contact with significant others (eg siblings)?	23.35% 39	31.74% 53	9.58% 16	6.59% 11	5.39% 9	23.35% 39	167	2.20
Received adequate support to deal with trauma?	6.59% 11	29.34% 49	20.96% 35	18.56% 31	10.78% 18	13.77% 23	167	2.97
Access to good education (school, early childhood)?	29.52% 49	36.75% 61	10.24% 17	4.82% 8	4.22% 7	14.46% 24	166	2.04
Been able to work with education systems to manage absenteeism?	15.66% 26	17.47% 29	7.23% 12	4.82% 8	2.41% 4	52.41% 87	166	2.18
The ability to maintain cultural identity and connection to family, community and country for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and/or young people	6.59% 11	14.37% 24	13.77% 23	1.20% 2	3.59% 6	60.48% 101	167	2.52
The ability to maintain cultural identity and connection to community for culturally and linguistically diverse children and/or young people	4.24% 7	12.12% 20	10.91% 18	1.82% 3	4.24% 7	66.67% 110	165	2.69
Access to appropriate recreation and extra-curricular activities?	18.67% 31	39.16% 65	21.08% 35	3.61% 6	4.82% 8	12.65% 21	166	2.28
Access to positive social and peer relationships?	19.76% 33	34.73% 58	20.96% 35	8.38% 14	2.40% 4	13.77% 23	167	2.29
Access to ongoing training and/or employment	12.57% 21	31.74% 53	22.75% 38	7.78% 13	6.59% 11	18.56% 31	167	2.56

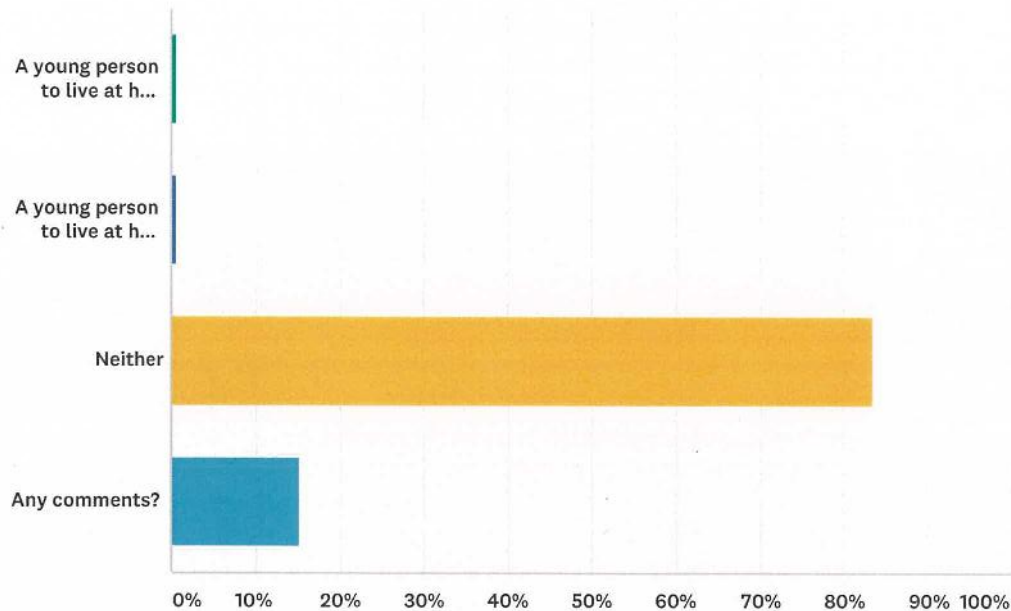
#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	One sibling still lives with us; other siblings placed with other carers/aged out of the system we have minimum contact with - it's a complicated family with multiple relationships and three distinct groups of children.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM

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2	DCP could assist with funding for international speakers and conferences - similar to what VIC child protection did in holding a session with Dan Hughes and Jon Baylin for registered foster and kinship carers	7/27/2017 8:16 AM
3	i think fsa should pay for more activities its so expensive and they will only contribute when you have	7/24/2017 1:25 PM
4	Training opportunities would be good	7/21/2017 6:36 AM
5	some of these are not applicable as we provide respite care, weekends only generally	7/20/2017 10:36 AM
6	Remoteness effects the above greatly	7/19/2017 2:49 PM
7	No information in regard to supports for a young person with an intellectual disability	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
8	We are working on a new sporting activity	7/18/2017 1:12 PM
9	We source all care etc that the children need and then go to the department, this is to fit in with family life and an sometimes be met with resistance from the department, however it is usually so that they feel they are being heard	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
10	It is hard being able to access the right type of help living on Kangaroo Island	7/16/2017 4:25 PM
11	children should have highest support for education health etc	7/16/2017 1:20 AM
12	Have only just found out children have Aboriginal heritage so haven't pursued anything with this as yet	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
13	The health services we have sourced ourselves. When we suggested child needed support with mental health we were shot down. Extra activities we accessed ourselves.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
14	The majority of these have been accessed for our kids and funded by ourselves, inc private education.	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
15	finally have found information on helping kids through trauma but it took 5-6 years and a lot of research on my own	7/14/2017 3:54 PM
16	Every 6 weeks i get a call from sw saying they don't know how long we can go on with therapy. However when we were payng they didn't care how much we were paying then complained when we said we couldn't pay anymore.	7/13/2017 2:20 PM
17	I have several unanswered telephone calls and emails to the Multicultural team to reschedule a meeting I needed to cancel. This is quite frustrating as I have been very proactive in trying to support our Little Person culturally and have self-taught myself basic language and educated myself on cultural practice/music/diet however, apart from a phone call, do not feel that Multicultural Team have been very reliable to make contact with me.	7/13/2017 8:43 AM
18	There has been no access to child sister as she lives 400km away	7/12/2017 10:04 PM
19	Many children are in need of urgent intervention and sadly they go on the public waiting list. We were fortunate to have private cover to get immediate therapy. Any child taken into care needs urgent therapy.	7/12/2017 9:45 PM
20	My girls brothers are in two different 24/7 homes. Neither of these placements contact me to organise catch ups. I have to be proactive at this. They also have a nephew in another placement and again i have to organise contact. The girls have no relationship with their worker really. No monthly contact. There hasn't been a sibling access since before Easter. Urgh	7/12/2017 9:31 PM
21	I have paid private school fees, uniforms, camps etc along with sportibg uniforms and equipment, interstate trips and competition fees myself. Nothing except for basic club fees comes from DCP. My oldest 2 children are of Chinese/Vietnamese descent yet never once in 13 years has the department offered anythibg to support their culture. Similarly DCP have done nothing in all these years to support sibling contact with their bio sister. Her carers and I have always organised this ourselves.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
22	No	7/12/2017 8:49 PM
23	The training opportunities in regional SA are very limited in comparison to Adelaide	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
24	The Education journey is a nightmare little or no understanding of trauma and DCP have little understanding of the education system and don't support foster parents with difficulties.	7/12/2017 7:54 PM
25	On going issues with sibling contact	7/12/2017 7:34 PM
26	Not a lot of choice in education in our area.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
27	due to our regional location, very difficult to access services, choices. would like our foster children to have more social interaction with other foster children from other areas	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
28	All satisfaction achieved through our own resourcing.	7/12/2017 4:02 PM

## Q45 Have you accessed support for independence and transition from care planning for...

Answered: 164 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A young person to live at home to age 21?	0.61%	1
A young person to live at home to age 25?	0.61%	1
Neither	83.54%	137
Any comments?	15.24%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>164</b>

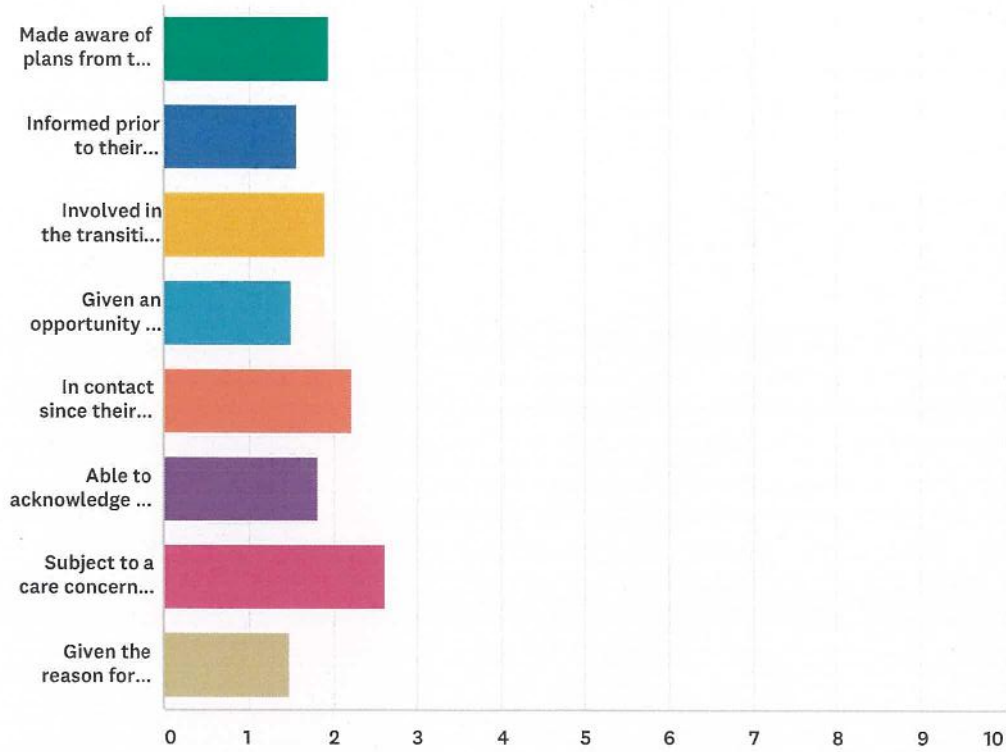
#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	My 18yo aged out of the system silently. I am being supported with maintaining carer payment for her until she leaves school at the end of Yr12. What happens after that, we both have no idea how the system works - another "learn by the seat of your pants" experience.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	no transitional care available to us	7/28/2017 11:35 AM
3	Our young person is 16 so need more info about this	7/26/2017 9:17 PM
4	N	7/26/2017 3:45 PM
5	not yet relevant	7/25/2017 4:35 PM
6	22yr old left us last year was not given any support from 17yrs onwards had to find out everything for ourselves	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
7	I wasn't aware you could access support for a young person to live at home to 21 or 25	7/20/2017 10:03 PM
8	Very worried about this as we are pensioners and our young person is turning 18 and does not want to leave home as has Aspergers. We worry how we are going to afford to keep her	7/20/2017 4:23 PM
9	Not heard of the points raised in 45 before.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
10	Would like to investigate for future reference	7/19/2017 11:15 AM
11	There does not appear to be any planning in place for a transition to independence of a young person with an intellectual disability	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
12	Didn't know I could do this. I think my child would be far better off staying home til at least 21. Will find out about this.	7/16/2017 11:55 PM

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13	I find this question confusing. We have a 20yo at home who finished school Nov 2016. DCP provided funding until school completed. Talk of any support yo 21 or 25 is very recent. Transition from care planning was a short conversation: He can stay. We have not been informed of any supports available except something at RASA, which we haven't accessed. We are happy to have him stay, but it has been a financial struggle as he gains full time employment (currently on apprenticeship with limited hours)	7/15/2017 8:24 AM
14	Our child has an intellectual disability so we are happy for her to live home as long as she wants	7/13/2017 8:36 PM
15	Would like this in the future	7/13/2017 4:57 PM
16	My eldest moved to Brisbane aged 16 to pursue his ballet career. I paid for and accompanied him to the auditions and final moving at my own expense (with my younger 2 of course) DCP paid for his fare only. Then his worker kept referring to me as his "previous carer"!!! Totally rude and disrespectful. My boy still comes home regularly and I'm still Mum.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
17	It is frustrating that a major focus has been made on the orders being until age 18. The children are focussed on leaving care at 18 when with a lot of family situations their children stay at the family home for much longer. A young person should be supported to stay in their placement for as long as possible while they are in a caring stable household.	7/12/2017 8:26 PM
18	Older son had transition worker when turned 17 but still lives with us and will continue to do so if needed. Unaware of any particular supports post 18	7/12/2017 7:34 PM
19	None offered. Young person doing on own. Left home because was not coping with rules three weeks ago - 19 years. Dcp doing it	7/12/2017 7:07 PM
20	I am a respite provider only	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
21	Didn't know this was available. Oldest in care is 15.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
22	not yet, but we will. our children in care are currently 10 and 11	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
23	I didn't know it existed. Not what we were advised by DCP!	7/12/2017 4:02 PM
24	I have a child turning 18 next month and have almost no idea what the process is and what support will/will not be available. I have no idea what you mean by age 21 or 25.	7/12/2017 4:01 PM
25	I didn't know about it when Miss turned 18. She lives at home funded by us	7/12/2017 3:51 PM

### Q46 If a child or young person has left your care, were you...

Answered: 130 Skipped: 116



	YES	IN PART	NO	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Made aware of plans from the outset?	17.83% 23	24.03% 31	14.73% 19	43.41% 56	129	1.95
Informed prior to their leaving?	33.33% 42	16.67% 21	7.94% 10	42.06% 53	126	1.56
Involved in the transition from your care?	23.81% 30	14.29% 18	18.25% 23	43.65% 55	126	1.90
Given an opportunity to say goodbye?	37.60% 47	11.20% 14	8.80% 11	42.40% 53	125	1.50
In contact since their move from your care?	17.07% 21	11.38% 14	29.27% 36	42.28% 52	123	2.21
Able to acknowledge and celebrate their time with your family?	25.20% 31	15.45% 19	15.45% 19	43.90% 54	123	1.83
Subject to a care concern investigation?	7.32% 9	5.69% 7	39.84% 49	47.15% 58	123	2.62
Given the reason for their removal from your care?	28.81% 34	7.63% 9	6.78% 8	56.78% 67	118	1.49

#	COMMENTS FOR "MADE AWARE OF PLANS FROM THE OUTSET?"	DATE
1	Child walked out the door, never to be seen again. It was highly traumatic.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
3	First child I knew she was going to be reunited with father from beginning	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
4	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
5	Went to grandparents due to court ruling	7/21/2017 12:36 PM

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6	We knew a child was going gom18 and thought she would be staying with us as we had been told there were no kinship options available. It was only because i asked when the court date was that i found out the case had been to court, gom 18 granted and that they had found a sco placement and the child would be moving in a matter of weeks. We make sure now that we ask lots of questions and dont wait to be told information	7/20/2017 10:03 PM
7	Emergency and shortterm plans always well communicated	7/20/2017 11:14 AM
8	What plans? We were told he would be out of the care of the minister in 4 months and we had to prepare him without any support	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
9	He left at 18.4 years old so FSA no involved	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
10	When reaching the age of 18 years one child was not given any support or information at all, nor was he made aware of accesable funds that were available to him	7/13/2017 12:15 PM
11	Some we were given an hours notice, with little information provided.	7/12/2017 9:45 PM
12	Made aware of but not involved in.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
13	Was told my child would be gom 18 after being in care for 2 yrs, that was changed at last minute.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
14	N/A	7/12/2017 8:02 PM
15	Never informed,never helped was told to find my own respite care with the two girls prior to me going into hospital for a operation or to have a brake every second weekend if I need it	7/12/2017 6:52 PM
16	important for child to have contact with past carers if they are willing. but department doesn't seem to encourage this.	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "INFORMED PRIOR TO THEIR LEAVING?"	DATE
1	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
2	I was told about 8 hours before	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
3	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
4	sometimes, only given a few hours notice. doesn't give the family a chance to say goodbye.	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
5	Given a date 3 days before leaving to have everything packed	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
6	24 hours	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
7	My boy hasn't truly left as this is still his home. He is studying away only because his dream is to dance with the Queensland Ballet.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
8	The child had a plan, and a leave date. This was changed suddenly a week earlier and was taken with 20mins notice, without any close family being able to say goodbye, and I was left in shock that they actually did that.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "INVOLVED IN THE TRANSITION FROM YOUR CARE?"	DATE
1	Child briefly went to another carer, at 16yo, then was placed into independent living.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
3	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
4	was told how it would happen, due to previous commitments and short notice it didn't happen felt really bad & sd	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
5	It was left up to us to design and execute the transition	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
6	it would have been more natural in our case to be part of the family visits and to be there to support the mum for an initial hand over period	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
7	As above.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
8	Transition was planned by dcp, I was not involved in how it would be planned.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE?"	DATE
1	we had respite for a child for an extended period that was just stopped without a reason given until a significant amount of time had passed	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
2	I was not permitted to see, talk, etc.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
3	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
4	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
5	Not really, very disappointed and sad about the whole deal	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
6	Have had a child leave and never got to say goodbye , that is so wrong .	7/12/2017 10:34 PM



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7	Very short notice, all other close family did not get a chance as they were at school, or work the day it happened.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
8	Yes and no	7/12/2017 7:07 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "IN CONTACT SINCE THEIR MOVE FROM YOUR CARE?"	DATE
1	Wouls like to know how they are	7/26/2017 2:47 PM
2	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
3	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
4	Yes with 1, but not with another as this is up to the birth family. And some just want to look ahead and forget the past.	7/21/2017 7:40 PM
5	Through social network	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
6	Grandparents want no contact	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
7	they always find you, they visit often and we have them as part of our family	7/18/2017 2:07 PM
8	The mother always stops me in the shopping center and introduced me to her friends as her sons foster mum	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
9	by his choice; he is selling and using drugs and in trouble with the police among other things - could not accept boundaries at home - without financial support post-18 we could not do what he needed and even with financial support we would quite likely have still lost him but hard to know	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
10	An access visit after 2 months of leaving for an hour and every three weeks for an hour when DCP organise them.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
11	One child only.	7/12/2017 9:45 PM
12	But because of the birth parent not dpc	7/12/2017 9:31 PM
13	He comes home every school holidays.	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
14	Yes, as planned in a meeting without my involvement.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
15	Most families want to forget about this part of their lives so cut connections. I have had a visit with one child and done respite for others. Where possible I will get the occasional update from one of their workers on how well they are doing	7/12/2017 8:34 PM
16	Would love to know how they are doing and catch up	7/12/2017 7:07 PM
17	rarely	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
18	Through our own resourcing.	7/12/2017 4:02 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE THEIR TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY?"	DATE
1	Small period of brief contact a year ago, then nothing since.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
3	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
4	This needed to happen for all of us but we were cut off other foster kids grieved for a period of time	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
5	During their time with us we had regular celebrations with family and friends.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
6	yes, but would like to have some type of forum to do so regularly...birthdays?	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "SUBJECT TO A CARE CONCERN INVESTIGATION?"	DATE
1	Yes. No response from the dept to hear my version of events. The "investigation" was 100% based on what the child said - yet two other children remained in my care.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
2	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
3	Resulted from poor communication for DCP to other agencies	7/24/2017 1:36 PM
4	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
5	to be found unsubstantiated	7/21/2017 6:20 PM
6	What a process. Highly traumatic. Cleared completely but so traumatic.	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
7	Took 6 months to clear our name/allegations.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
8	Special needs assessments	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
9	Not that I aware of. Done things that have upset dcp. Done as I yhouhtknbestinteted of child	7/12/2017 7:07 PM

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10	was minor and cleared	7/12/2017 5:28 PM
11	care concern investigations need an overhaul	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
#	COMMENTS FOR "GIVEN THE REASON FOR THEIR REMOVAL FROM YOUR CARE?"	DATE
1	but only after we pushed for an answer	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
2	FSA worker decided to reunify and I find out from FSA phyc months later at training that they recommended she stay with us with a GOM18. Child now dead after being returned to parents	7/31/2017 9:37 AM
3	Child wanted to live independently - with little/no family support they ceased attending school, and did what they wanted, when they wanted. I had expectations they did not want to follow.	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
4	I asked for the child to be removed	7/28/2017 11:35 AM
5	N/A to us	7/26/2017 1:46 PM
6	Reunited with father	7/25/2017 5:53 AM
7	returned to their mother and subsequencing removed again to another foster family	7/24/2017 2:39 PM
8	not applicable	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
9	hard to answer when lots of kids have been through, it is different for each one	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
10	Reunited with family	7/21/2017 7:40 PM
11	Transition to Family members	7/21/2017 7:36 PM
12	Grandparents took families sa to court n won guardianship	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
13	They went back to famiy	7/19/2017 5:29 PM
14	18 years old so out of the minister's care	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
15	reunification	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
16	not relevant - post 18	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
17	dip would support or recognise autism	7/16/2017 1:20 AM
18	NA	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
19	As above easier to remove than arrange respite and provide behaviour management support/tools	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
20	Reunification	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
21	Safety issues between siblings	7/13/2017 8:36 AM
22	A year later after I pushed for an impartial review	7/12/2017 9:40 PM
23	child was a emergancy placement and moved to long term placement	7/12/2017 7:10 PM
24	One I ended and one the young person ended. Just left	7/12/2017 7:07 PM
25	Not relevant	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
26	Was an emergency placement	7/12/2017 3:51 PM

## Q47 Any other comments about what's currently happening?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 209

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no active placements at this time.	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
2	We dont have crystal ball, although we need to listen to everyone for childs best interest	7/31/2017 9:37 AM
3	Not sure what this question means. What's currently happening where?	7/28/2017 8:44 PM
4	Dept failed to provide subpoenaed information in a malicious and deliberate attempt to prolong the suffering of my family and to stop me speaking to the media during their media campaign to get more "victims" to become carers	7/28/2017 11:35 AM
5	we feel dcp should give us more details on how his reunification is going also his sleep, eating and playing habits when he is with mum so we can follow it up when he comes back he sometimes is very upset by the process of being away from us and so many different people being involved. he is at the age were he is missing us. .	7/24/2017 11:44 AM
6	Q17 wont accept a 3 digit number = over 150 kids in care with us	7/21/2017 2:53 PM
7	that the dcp workers are very busy	7/21/2017 2:05 PM
8	Feel that biological parents needs are put over childs needs. Especially regarding access.	7/21/2017 12:36 PM
9	When you challenge professional providers, in an attempt to advocate for your child, your accused of being unstable, especially if you show any emotion. The best I can hope for my child is a token. I've stopped asking other stake holders 'would this be good enough for your child?' I've learned the hard way to go with the flow. Social workers don't care, schools ruin traumatised children, the department and agencies are bullies!	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
10	It is really frustrating that as a long term carer for a toddler with numerous medical and developmental issues that I cannot contact NDIS to question the progress of his application, query wait on planning meeting etc DCP needs to work with NDIS to be able to give permission to certain carers to discuss their children's cases with NDIS, along the lines of the rest of the health system where DCP still have to give consent etc but carers can atleast call and find out what is happening!!	7/20/2017 3:50 PM
11	Would like to be kept informed more and also paperwork we send in always goes missing so seems to be many problems in the Head office.	7/20/2017 1:46 PM
12	Sometimes more info about what happening with the cases would be helpful	7/20/2017 1:33 PM
13	Current intertaction with DCP, for information, requests is extremely poor. In view of this, if this child leave my families care we will not be fostering again.	7/20/2017 1:24 PM
14	We had a care concern raised end of May. Been subjected to harassment and bullying, have complained to highest level and still we wait for an outcome....2 months on. I almost have up care as a result of the way we have been treated. I have felt interrogated and made to feel that i have to prove my innocence even though i have had said to me by dcp 'you're a great carer we have confidence in what you do blah blah blah'.....all just words with actions that don't follow.	7/20/2017 11:14 AM
15	Something that eats at me , in 2012 we were reported ( care concern ) for missing Cams appointments , our reason was I was hospitalised given days to live with leukaemia, cams was the last thing on our mind at this time yet that sticks with us , I find it a joke .due to the ridiculousness of it all I would like it removed or my reason next to it so everyone can see we are not bad people	7/20/2017 9:25 AM
16	As per question 46 - my first foster child was in my care for over 2 1/2 years, from age 2 to just before he turned 5. He was very attached to him and we continued to see him occasionally after he returned to his family. However, when his family moved house, we suddenly had no more contact. FSA refused to give information on where he was living (which I can sort of understand) but they also made no effort to support or assist us in arranging a reunion for the children. My 9 year-old foster son came to me as a baby, and this boy was his older brother and a big part of his life for his first 2 1/2 years. Then suddenly he was gone. This loss was traumatising for him and has caused ongoing psychological problems. Surely it is important to provide opportunities to allow foster children to remain connected to their former carer families - for the sake of their siblings, if nothing else? I can't help wondering whether he has been as traumatised by the removal of us from his life as we have been by the removal of him...	7/19/2017 5:29 PM

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17	Foster carers need to be given greater authority in relation to decision making. DCP workers need greater authority in approving covering invoices etc for services needed (increase the dollar limit of their approval rather than having to take so much time getting a supervisor's approval).	7/19/2017 2:46 PM
18	We just wish it wasn't taking so long but we do understand it takes longer due to wanting long term care and also wanting a girl between 0/4 years old, but prefer under 1	7/19/2017 1:43 PM
19	No	7/19/2017 12:24 PM
20	Very few people seem to know what is happening or how it will work. The system seems to be poorly planned and poorly executed. Post 18s with a disability seem to have been forgotten	7/18/2017 2:59 PM
21	due to the time frame it is as if the department is feeling threatened and circling the wagons, making a more us and them situation which is getting worse( this is individually based dependent upon the case worker)	7/18/2017 10:58 AM
22	yada yada yada ... more talk no action ... no adoption ... no giving control of access decisions to day to day parents ... more talk no action	7/16/2017 11:55 PM
23	No	7/15/2017 4:34 PM
24	DCP managers and above need to be cleared out or a severe change of culture. Get rid of the bullying culture! Nurture the carers.	7/15/2017 9:41 AM
25	In our case, the legal pursual of the custody of our grandchildren and subsequent need to build onto our home has taken a financial toll on our retirement savings. There is little remuneration for grandparent carers. There should be in my opinion.	7/13/2017 4:57 PM
26	I'm hopeful things are going to become better for the children in care and children still living in danger.	7/13/2017 2:20 PM
27	We are very happy but do struggle with lack of health history and of course financially. Partner gave up work to look after our foster babies and of course we lose super contributions and wages but it's worth it in the end to help these beautiful children that are now our family.	7/13/2017 1:31 PM
28	All good at present	7/13/2017 10:36 AM
29	My mother requires a level of care due to her age of 91 and still lives at home. I keep an eye on her once a week normally.	7/13/2017 7:21 AM
30	There should be practical support for single parents when child is sick whether be providing couple hours rest or obtaining medicine or groceries for those who can't leave house for long period of sickness. Also for those children who continuously get sick therefore making it physically impossible to work on a part time basis. It would be helpful to get financial assistance until you are in position to work.	7/12/2017 10:35 PM
31	I am seeing and hearing small positive changes. Some workers are beginning to really listen to children and carers and beginning to encourage us to speak up. I do see a positive future if these continue but feel DCP still need to publically acknowledge how badly we've been treated up til now. Admit it instead of the usual "Oh well we're past that now....."	7/12/2017 9:23 PM
32	No	7/12/2017 8:02 PM
33	Hope that the new recommendations are utilised not just lip service. Carers should be listened to more especially around education and trauma behaviour and not made to feel they are doing the wrong thing.	7/12/2017 7:54 PM
34	DECD totally unsupportive of kids in care too much latitude to exclude	7/12/2017 7:34 PM
35	The long wait time for decision making especially interstate travel and school selection protocols	7/12/2017 7:29 PM
36	I'm fighting to see my youngest granddaughter as to stay attached to her life with no information and to travel 5hrs overall to see her in a office for 1 hour a month is totally appalling and disgracefull.Really I thought you would practice the attachment theory and becoming/belonging theory that is taught when you do a government diploma in children's service,yet I haven't seen a staff member to date practising this.	7/12/2017 6:52 PM
37	I am hoping things will change. The child needs to come first and the CPA need to prioritise.y meetings with Anglicare are a waste of my time.	7/12/2017 6:44 PM

## Q48 What is most challenging to you as a Carer?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	not having children in our care at the current time	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	Not knowing on childs behalf how long a short term is, 3 years and still going on GOM 12s	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	A child with challenging behaviours.	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	Honesty, decency and accountability of Dept and care agency staff	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	Dealing with difficult behaviour	7/27/2017 11:59 PM
6	Difficult behaviour	7/27/2017 11:00 PM
7	The child's behaviour and the DCP and AFSS workers' lack of understanding about his condition. The emphasis on his indigenous culture is disproportionate.	7/27/2017 11:25 AM
8	Unsure as to how far I can quietly discipline without over-stepping my role.	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
9	being the 3rd person when you know the child best as a loving oarent	7/27/2017 9:32 AM
10	Lack of notice and information provided about some respite placements (i.e. Finding they have significant allergies when I pick them up - or the child informing me that they have medication. I'd feel better prepared if this information was given to me at the time of referral.	7/27/2017 8:19 AM
11	when birth family dont turn up to access and its so hard for the child to understand	7/26/2017 10:08 PM
12	Lack of respect as a carer, not enough info when child is placed, not enough money provided for basic necessities for new placements, no support from Dcp for access arrangements have to do it ourselves.	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
13	Working with all the appointments and ndis	7/26/2017 3:49 PM
14	When my word isnt good enough only DCP Very frustrating when my daughter lives with me not at DCP office and changes case workers frequently	7/26/2017 3:16 PM
15	Holding our boy's story in my mind all the time, remembering that his reactions to things that happen in our home aren't personal; they are coloured by his past experience. (This is something I spoke to carers about a lot, and once I became a carer, I found it was much harder to do, than to tell people to do!)	7/26/2017 3:03 PM
16	dealing with behaviour issues	7/26/2017 2:32 PM
17	full and quick support	7/26/2017 2:09 PM
18	Day to Day price rises and managing finacially	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
19	Finding support as agency is useless	7/26/2017 1:26 PM
20	Not being able to meet needs of child and not being heard	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
21	Managing a child with trauma issues, with no support for that child. having to "fight" for everything	7/26/2017 11:50 AM
22	Behaviour problems	7/26/2017 11:46 AM
23	the emotioanl toll beause of the visits to her birth mother and the way trauma has affected her processing	7/25/2017 4:37 PM
24	Taking the kids on holidays because we need big accomodation	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
25	Nothing at the moment	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
26	DCP- not my social worker the organisation itself have no idea. The social worker I have is fantastic I fear the day she is no longer mine. Care concerns freak me out as I have no idea what or how they work and if I will still be able to work	7/25/2017 5:57 AM
27	behaviour of foster child and affect to biological children	7/24/2017 7:18 PM
28	The children in our care are now both teenagers. So their attitude towards us as foster carers is challenging and their attitude towards house rules that have been in place for over 5 years have changed.	7/24/2017 3:00 PM
29	dealing with DCP	7/24/2017 2:43 PM

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30	Getting the support and action I need from other agencies when my child's behaviour becomes highly volatile Managing my need to work to financially support myself while dealing with my child's high and volatile needs.	7/24/2017 1:47 PM
31	Accessing help and resources	7/24/2017 1:30 PM
32	his visit days and knowing he is upset when he has so many strangers around him.	7/24/2017 11:47 AM
33	The little bit of information given when a child is handed over	7/23/2017 4:56 PM
34	- not getting a break - an 18mth placement that ended and being cut off from contact - the effect on my biological children	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
35	Constant worry about the lack of legal rights I have	7/23/2017 10:57 AM
36	Lack of communication from DCP to carers. Over the years this has become better, but it's not great	7/22/2017 9:04 PM
37	teenager's	7/22/2017 1:19 AM
38	Centerlink. Trying to get a foster child health care card or child care takes too long	7/21/2017 10:12 PM
39	access is tricky. we have to be flexible and available, but often access is cancelled without notice. we have other children, school, work and family commitments to schedule around too.	7/21/2017 8:36 PM
40	The challenging behaviour children are presenting with and seeing it in young children more frequently. CPD not having much life experiences maybe due to age especially when the case worker is younger than my daughter and telling me things straight out of a text book as I attended Uni to be a social worker Not agreeing with decisions made by workers as I have to deal with the fall out when it goes wrong. Financial reimbursement as the pittance we get reimbursed for I will not be giving up my day job any day soon	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
41	Behaviour! And maintaining calm when it's constant. Finances.	7/21/2017 8:11 PM
42	Having home safety standards that are always being updated however the expenses are just expected to be absorbed by you. The balancing of what is fair between your own naturally born children and your foster children.	7/21/2017 8:08 PM
43	the system is heavily on the paternal parents side with often no thought given to children and the impacts on them	7/21/2017 6:29 PM
44	Lack of information at time of placement	7/21/2017 4:10 PM
45	Care for kids through the day when they are sick or have been suspended from school as we both work full-time	7/21/2017 3:00 PM
46	sending the young person back for access to revisit and bring up the trauma again and again	7/21/2017 2:07 PM
47	No break	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
48	Behaviour management	7/21/2017 6:37 AM
49	Balancing my time and attention between a respite child, a foster child, and my own two children	7/20/2017 10:25 PM
50	Lack of information from dcp about a child's background, both regarding their removal from their home and the medical details	7/20/2017 10:13 PM
51	The lack of communication from DCP, having to chase up information from DCP, not a lot of consistency or following through what they say and don't always feel they have the child's best interests. This leaves us as carers feeling very disrespected, disappointed and very frustrated.	7/20/2017 6:23 PM
52	Being all things to these high needs children. The behaviours in the first year or so are so over the top, and it is difficult sometimes to continue. The expectation of having to do so much travelling to school etc	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
53	Having to work with the professionals.	7/20/2017 3:55 PM
54	Dealing with NDIS when they won't talk to me as I am not the legal guardian!	7/20/2017 3:53 PM
55	trying to get our foster child to settle at night and knowing the best thing to say when they reveal information of what they've been through.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
56	Having to organise several moving parts eg DCP, foster agency, siblings, parents etc	7/20/2017 1:36 PM
57	ongoing access that causes trauma.	7/20/2017 1:27 PM
58	The difficulties and challenges that our little boy faces daily. It's so hard to not be able to help him any more than we already do!	7/20/2017 12:21 PM
59	Not having the rights as a parent would in making decisions/travel plans etc	7/20/2017 11:38 AM
60	Access visits stopping and starting	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
61	Dealing with DCP	7/20/2017 11:17 AM

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62	Establishing positive relationship with the child	7/20/2017 10:46 AM
63	'finding activities which suit both our foster child and our own child. As they have got older their likes and interests and abilities have diverged. Not as easy as when they were younger.	7/20/2017 10:42 AM
64	Dealing with shitty workers	7/20/2017 9:30 AM
65	Mostly, that social workers do not understand child development. It boggles my mind that people can work in this field and recommend things like attachment courses and then consistently make anti-attachment decisions. Surely there should also be a course that DCP employees undertake to orient them to the job PRIOR to employment. I have often been informing my case worker on the correct way of going about things. Understanding the services and referrals to request access to (often I don't know that things exist to even ask for - eg. play therapy). Having no faith in the knowledge base and abilities of the case worker. Having to do a lot of things myself (including confirming access with birth family - so we don't come in needlessly).	7/19/2017 11:17 PM
66	Challenging Behaviours of a child	7/19/2017 9:26 PM
67	when they leave my care or when returning from access visits	7/19/2017 5:56 PM
68	Being a single parent and having to do it all by myself	7/19/2017 5:35 PM
69	Dealing with DCP and their unwillingness to see our children given the security of opg or adoption. It's not a priority. Our senior social worker even said "opg is only for children who's parents have died." We know this isn't true and it's an insult to our intelligence. But things will never run well in this evil machine known as child protection, until power is removed from those people in charge of remote area offices! Country offices are breeding grounds for misconduct and senior workers with a God complex. Please someone make these workers accountable and stop giving them the power to say things such as "opg is only for children who's parents have died."	7/19/2017 4:47 PM
70	Getting support workout looking like we can't manage	7/19/2017 2:52 PM
71	DCP	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
72	Child behaviour and delays Lack of rights and authority as a carer Inefficiency of the DCP	7/19/2017 2:47 PM
73	Waiting	7/19/2017 1:44 PM
74	All good	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
75	Dealing with my foster child's issues and trying to receive what I would basically call an adequate response from DCP when requesting assistance	7/19/2017 11:44 AM
76	Balancing the complex, sometimes violent behaviour of the child and DCPs wilful ignorance of it.	7/19/2017 7:53 AM
77	Getting the support you need for the young person in your care	7/18/2017 3:20 PM
78	other carers- they can be horrid	7/18/2017 2:08 PM
79	Our child needs schooling, but he is violent and not learning ready.. We would like to explore other avenues where his social skills can improve maybe with other like him.	7/18/2017 1:17 PM
80	Dealing with DCP	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
81	having a different case manager for each child and having to make yourself available to them at their whim, this bites into family life time	7/18/2017 11:03 AM
82	Caseworkers changing regularly and having to explain and remind workers and supervisors of how things have been with family.	7/17/2017 3:13 PM
83	- dealing with birth family shit	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
84	Trying to get the right help for their individual problems. Also when their is no respite care on Island.	7/16/2017 4:37 PM
85	having everyone on the same page when supporting us for the children	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
86	Volatile behaviour from children, and having multiple children with this type of behaviour	7/15/2017 4:37 PM
87	DCP culture	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
88	Uncertainty in the system and fear of DCP staff changes.	7/15/2017 8:28 AM
89	Lack of accountability of dcp and ngo workers, lack of child focus and trauma informed staff. Lengthy delays in responding to kuds/family needs.	7/14/2017 8:43 PM
90	dealing with DCP, school and getting them to understand invisible disabilities and learning challenges. Violence and aggression of child, lack of impulse control	7/14/2017 4:03 PM
91	The same as raising birth children - am I doing the right thing? Could I be doing more?	7/14/2017 8:30 AM

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92	The lack of respite to assist in maintaining a stable placement constantly told by CPS there isn't respite available	7/13/2017 10:07 PM
93	Our child has rages and bashes us and normally SAPOL is called	7/13/2017 8:43 PM
94	Not getting the professional help we think our children need.	7/13/2017 5:03 PM
95	Inconsistency of bio mum's access attendance. Very unsettling and confusing for the children.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
96	Dealing with SW	7/13/2017 2:41 PM
97	Entertaining the children	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
98	Not being able to make some of the decisions ourselves. e.g. having to wait for criis care to approve minor medical procedures, like having stitches.	7/13/2017 11:53 AM
99	Access	7/13/2017 11:35 AM
100	Not being trusted to raise child and make decisions	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
101	Temper tantrums	7/13/2017 9:41 AM
102	Not knowing what rights or entitlements I have in regard to information I should be given. Knowing that a transition process for reunification will not be supported.	7/13/2017 8:46 AM
103	Having key people who lack understanding	7/13/2017 8:37 AM
104	Yound kids and their issues are difficult sometimes at our age. Conflict between wife and i occur because often she refuses to take of her grandmothers hat making discipline an issue. Finding time for everything because of her transport issue.	7/13/2017 7:38 AM
105	Not being listened to or believed when trying to get help for a child in care , with trauma	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
106	As a single parent I'm not able to work on part time basis as my child keeps getting sick therefore placing financial strain. Dealing with continuous sickness without lack of any respite due to the fact DCP social workers are over loaded in their work and this obviously is not their priority when dealing with emergencies.	7/12/2017 10:45 PM
107	When our thoughts on what is best for the children don't agree with what a social worker, who may have known them for only a short time, thinks is best. Despite our involvement for the whole of the children's lives so far.	7/12/2017 10:15 PM
108	We cant have the full responsibility as a parent	7/12/2017 10:07 PM
109	Being kept up to date with what is going on. Not being part of the team', feeling like a puppet and having no input. No consideration given to current family situation and how sudden removals distress other children.	7/12/2017 9:47 PM
110	Dealing with foster care agency	7/12/2017 9:44 PM
111	Oh wow! Hard to pick just one but I think the way we have to chase and fight to get anywhere. For example I know of many children who are GOM 18 who's private school fees are paid by the department yet I struggle to pay these for my 2 and have always paid them. I could fight and argue but why should it be my responsibility to fight for what is their right?	7/12/2017 9:43 PM
112	not knowing what my girls have gone through so can't help enough. Maintaining contact with their siblings, especially the one who doesn't attend their school. Not being given any info about their brothers and their care. Once the girls became part of my family their brothers did too	7/12/2017 9:39 PM
113	Not being informed of changes to care and/or safety plans	7/12/2017 9:30 PM
114	Not being a part of the child's care team, hearing of decisions made without having a say. Often feel like we are just a 24/7 babysitter, until they decide to move the child, sometimes for reasons that don't always seem in the best interest of the child.	7/12/2017 9:20 PM
115	Not being able to sign consent forms for school excursions then either waiting for Case worker to visit or take them to the office and the children keep asking why I haven't returned there forms, I have these children in my care 24/7 and make everyday decision such as riding a bike on the road, walking to school but to sign to say they can go swimming lessons at school needs a guardians signature it just doesn't make sense	7/12/2017 9:04 PM
116	Being unable to protect my children from decisions made by DCP. A worker who believes my opposition to decisions regarding the children is about me and my wants rather than the reality that my sole focus is the well being of my children and as I live with them 24/7 I have better insight to their emotional state than she does, regardless of whether they have been with me one week or five years.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
117	Being older looking after going children isn't easy.. respite without fear of children not coming home would be great	7/12/2017 8:57 PM
118	Dealing with dcp and the time it takes to get simple stuff done ( like holiday approvals)	7/12/2017 8:53 PM



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119	Finding time to socialise have time to myself	7/12/2017 8:35 PM
120	Prompt contact from DCP staff could be majorly improved	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
121	Being a grand parent Carer so now in the position of raising a second family.	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
122	keeping our family relationship on track. Behaviour that escalates quickly and loudly and how to deal with it. Seeing a family member being worn down by a loving but difficult child and seeing her house destroyed.	7/12/2017 8:07 PM
123	Poor communication and information from dcp . Often long response times	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
124	Working with other systems who do not understand trauma especially Decd	7/12/2017 7:40 PM
125	Loss of social life and contact with friends while being a positive role model	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
126	Birth family contact brings on challenging behaviour	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
127	child behaviour. Other people understanding child with trama	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
128	Going out and chn have s melt down and the community doesn't understand why you react as you do	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
129	When I was a full time career my most challenging moments was with staff members trying to access trainging or questions being met,even telephone calls being returned hardly ever happened,infact I'm still awaiting a supervisor to return my telephone call and it's been over 3 months!	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
130	The expectation that a foster family are better than others	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
131	CPA	7/12/2017 6:45 PM
132	managing the CPS worker	7/12/2017 6:22 PM
133	linking the child with his birth family; dealing with pig-headed educational staffers who have no idea how to deal with a) trauma and b) giftedness	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
134	Identifying the right educational support and what allied health support will be best for the child in my care. It's hard to know what to do when a child have a developmental delay. Support from DCP is limited and the paper work required to get anything is ridiculous. Also if you rely on the department of Education to provide support the wait times are lengthy.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
135	Having a supportive social worker. The third one has just moved. She has been wonderful after having a really disappointing one during my son's formative years. I am really worried we will get a bad one again.	7/12/2017 5:33 PM
136	not getting respite when you are dealing with badly trauma children to have a break	7/12/2017 5:30 PM
137	Lack of information and transperancy	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
138	Being constantly told I have no rights.Even going through the OPG process the birth parents retain so many rights	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
139	No access to support. No therapy available. Can't afford private	7/12/2017 5:01 PM
140	Lack of information about the child prior to and during transition to my home.	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
141	Respite only - very satisfactory.	7/12/2017 4:42 PM
142	the ongoing hard work caring for children with such high emotional needs, and having to work full time to support ourselves aswell, in a small country town.	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
143	All the additional follow up we are required to do including dealing with Centrelink etc	7/12/2017 4:39 PM
144	Disrespect from children	7/12/2017 4:36 PM
145	The health of the children in my care. All three have almost non existent immune system due to previous environment pre care and experience continual illnesses	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
146	Wanting the system to understand the needs of the children in care actually listening to us careers we look after these children on a daily basis we know them well and build a good relationship with them we need the people supporting us to hear when we careers cry out for help for these children it's about working together and helping these children go home where they belong.	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
147	I seem to be fighting everyone for what my child needs. Support with Knowledge and skills to deal with trauma issues and attachment.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
148	Behavioural issues. Finances.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
149	The bullshit with local offices and inconsistency of practice.	7/12/2017 4:04 PM
150	dealing with Centrelink!	7/12/2017 3:53 PM



## Q49 What isn't working well for you and your family?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 123

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	as previous question	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	Desisions as to if child is going long term shouldnt take years to resolve	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	No support to assist me with those behaviours - worker wanted to "be the friend, not the parent".	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	There is nowhere to go to get help when false accusations are made against you	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	Lack of services in Regional SA 25 psychologists in one metro office 1 is sent North to cover our vast area . When you take into account travel times that poor person , the caseload is so huge . DECS have no psychologist so too bad for us. Next help December.....	7/27/2017 11:59 PM
6	Still learning my foster child's feelings and behaviour and why she does certain behaviours	7/27/2017 11:00 PM
7	When my respite foster child has very aggressive emotional outbursts it can become frightening although we are dealing with it.	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
8	ndis as i cant access anything as carer. have to wait for all the red tape et	7/27/2017 9:32 AM
9	it has its ups and downs and kids r moving towards teenage yrs and its not easy [hornmones]	7/26/2017 10:08 PM
10	D c p understaffing and lack if support more support from d c p workers	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
11	Trying to find help for the autistic child to get out and about as he's a runner only 6	7/26/2017 3:49 PM
12	Teething issues with NDIS and some providers	7/26/2017 3:16 PM
13	Main issue for us is that, as non-Aboriginal carers for an Aboriginal child, we feel a bit lost as far as what we can do to support his cultural needs. We'd love to get him linked with an Aboriginal mentor, but there's no one available locally that we or DCP can identify who would be appropriate. DCP's new Aboriginal Cultural Identity Support Tool will, I think, assist with this, but we need to actually see it in action.	7/26/2017 3:03 PM
14	had issues with child not wanting to have access visits for years but going OK now	7/26/2017 2:32 PM
15	access to out of state social worker for siblings	7/26/2017 2:09 PM
16	N/A	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
17	Getting on with the job	7/26/2017 1:26 PM
18	Feeling used and abused	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
19	the 2 access visits each week and managing the behavior afterwards.	7/26/2017 11:50 AM
20	Going on holidays	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
21	All is good	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
22	At the moment everything is working well	7/25/2017 5:57 AM
23	Access to biological family	7/24/2017 7:18 PM
24	The financial costs involved in raising two foster children who are now teens. The cost of living has increased enormously since we first became foster carers over 5 years ago and our foster care allowance has remained the same. We have had no increase in our allowance during the 5 plus years we have been fostering which we feel is very poor.	7/24/2017 3:00 PM
25	Loss of independence. Loss of being a true family At the beck and call of DCP	7/24/2017 2:43 PM
26	Managing my child's needs with little support from DCP- no resources to follow through on basic support needs identified eg an allocated case manager, a mentor, receiving correct carer payments etc.	7/24/2017 1:47 PM
27	Respite	7/24/2017 1:30 PM
28	our foster child fits in beautifully he is a pleasure to have we just worry about him on reunification days.	7/24/2017 11:47 AM
29	- grief and loss and associated ongoing trauma - financial pressure	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
30	DCP case workers have changed a lot	7/23/2017 10:57 AM
31	nil	7/22/2017 1:19 AM

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32	Getting verification of child in care. The end of order dates make it hard to get centerlink & schools sorted out.	7/21/2017 10:12 PM
33	when case workers don't let us know what is happening in a child's case direction. as emergency carers we are often the last to know	7/21/2017 8:36 PM
34	Respite no care plan no information about child coming into your care other family members not keen on foster child mixing with their children due to behaviours at school	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
35	When you have a child go through reunification it has been difficult because I am a stay at home mum I regularly get my days and times changed to suit them. In one month I had 5 different calendars and it still changed after that. Because I have my own birth children as well it is very hard to book appointments for them when I never know what will be happening on that day. So more consistent times for reunification would be good.	7/21/2017 8:08 PM
36	N/A	7/21/2017 4:10 PM
37	Care for kids through the day when they are sick or have been suspended from school as we both work full-time	7/21/2017 3:00 PM
38	Child with ASD is costing us alot of money and we are getting no help with training etc	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
39	Knowing what our entitlements are and being reimbursed in a timely manner	7/20/2017 10:13 PM
40	The routine, structure and being organised and flexible to change.	7/20/2017 6:23 PM
41	We are working fine, but we had very realistic expectations going in.	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
42	Being dictated to by social workers.	7/20/2017 3:55 PM
43	Waiting for approval for assistance for therapies	7/20/2017 3:53 PM
44	having come across this situation yet as only recently started foster care	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
45	More contact during short term placements	7/20/2017 1:36 PM
46	Lack of co-operation from DCP	7/20/2017 1:27 PM
47	Our family is strong together. We have normal ups and downs but we have an honest and open relationship.	7/20/2017 11:38 AM
48	As above	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
49	Dealing with DCP!!!	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
50	Lack of hours in a day	7/20/2017 10:46 AM
51	Lack of respite. Lack of specific skills to deal with behaviours. Delays in accessing services (delays in referrals). Spending huge amounts of time stressing about poor departmental decisions and the impact that will have on the child and our fragile relationship.	7/19/2017 11:17 PM
52	Having 2 annoying teenagers in the house. We function much better when they aren't around ;-)	7/19/2017 5:35 PM
53	The inability to get opg/adoption of our children who can never return to birth family and whom we have had for 5 years without any significant support from DCP.	7/19/2017 4:47 PM
54	Access to siblings	7/19/2017 2:52 PM
55	DCP	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
56	Inefficiency of the DCP	7/19/2017 2:47 PM
57	N/A	7/19/2017 1:44 PM
58	Allgood	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
59	DCP	7/19/2017 11:44 AM
60	Not knowing who I be asking to speak to at DCP, paying for travel to family contact and psychologist that are both 2 1/2 hours away.	7/19/2017 7:53 AM
61	The time and effort required to get the right services and supports for the young person in your care	7/18/2017 3:20 PM
62	the fact that our child is home nearly 24 hours a day because he is only attending school 1 hour per day at this stage. Our support carers are aware of this and we are having discussions.	7/18/2017 1:17 PM
63	Lack of support and disrespectful behaviour from DCP	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
64	we would like more freedom to deal with the family contact and if there is contact concerns being aware of the departments issues so as to not cross lines	7/18/2017 11:03 AM
65	Not feeling valued and included in major discussions.	7/17/2017 3:13 PM

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66	- birth family access further traumatised both our kids massively for years and years and we are still dealing with the fallout from this now with our younger one; we have much more hope he will be ok than our older one who fell apart after massive improvements due to birth family pressure	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
67	not getting the right supports	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
68	respite	7/15/2017 4:37 PM
69	Lack of DCP communication and information sharing.	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
70	Not much. We try and build the best relationships possible and thankfully that has worked for us. Our kids are older and able to speak up. Thankfully they are heard. They are stable and happy here.	7/15/2017 8:28 AM
71	Ngo.	7/14/2017 8:43 PM
72	Mostly working ok and that largely depends on the fact that we have had the same DCP worker for 8 yrs and she has trust in my abilities and knowledge, to support my child	7/14/2017 4:03 PM
73	Nothing	7/14/2017 8:30 AM
74	No break available to have downtime from behavioural challenges	7/13/2017 10:07 PM
75	Support from her Psychologist and Psychiatrist in helping us to deal with her PTSD which causes rages	7/13/2017 8:43 PM
76	The difficulty taking holidays with a child who has a disability and needs to stay at home while we're away.	7/13/2017 5:03 PM
77	We are doing really well.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
78	Nothing	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
79	Not being able to apply for OPG as we would no longer receive the financial assistance we do now and I had to leave my job last year as our childs needs require me to be at home full time	7/13/2017 11:53 AM
80	Access	7/13/2017 11:35 AM
81	Could do with more training for trauma and behaviour. Strategies to cope	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
82	Lack of information/being heard in process.	7/13/2017 8:46 AM
83	We live below poverty line	7/13/2017 8:37 AM
84	Discipline can be a problem for our delayed gdaughter. I think she doesnt understand it at times and has melt downs from time to time.	7/13/2017 7:38 AM
85	the time it take to transfer a childs paperwork from one office to another , DCP is DCP whats with the drama if a childs come from out of your area .	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
86	Lack of availability of respite or practical support when my child is sick.	7/12/2017 10:45 PM
87	The extras given to the child in care but no considerations made for biological children	7/12/2017 10:07 PM
88	We are working well since we left doing care other than OPG.	7/12/2017 9:47 PM
89	Not being valued for my capabilities	7/12/2017 9:44 PM
90	At the moment o only the burden of school fees but there is always that horrid feeling that at anytime something could go wrong again eg. New rule, change of worker, change of government etc etc	7/12/2017 9:43 PM
91	Nothing. Just general family stuff. I am concerned about my superannuation though	7/12/2017 9:39 PM
92	Lack of continuity Constantly changing plans Lack of communication regarding care/access/safety plans	7/12/2017 9:30 PM
93	Children leaving with very little notice. Finances, the payments per week for children under 5 barely cover the costs of nappies, feeding and clothing.	7/12/2017 9:20 PM
94	Some access visits children become very heightened and anxious which can take days for them to settle, I would like some of the experts saying this access for children to look after a couple after a visit to see how hard it becomes to try and settle these children so it show access is for the parent not the child I would really like to see the children come first	7/12/2017 9:04 PM
95	Lack of individualisation of policy for each child.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
96	No respite.. transport issues as children grow current car has no room for growing legs in 7 seater.. housing issues with chicken growing and needing their own space.. financially	7/12/2017 8:57 PM
97	Our family works very well	7/12/2017 8:53 PM
98	Behavioural issues creating considerable stress	7/12/2017 8:35 PM

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99	Frustration DCP Lack of information minimal contact following child placed in my care	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
100	The Girls father is one of my sons. He is unemployed and on the dole. In the past, he has had issues with alcohol. At present, he also is living here. That, at times, brings it's own set of issues as we differ in our management of the children, however, he is slowly coming to respect the situation here and I am hopeful that in the near future he may actually find his own accomadation.	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
101	Lack of understanding by the community when a meltdown occurs. Need to know that support will be available when we aren't around so far this hasn't happened.	7/12/2017 8:07 PM
102	Working it out by using info from web sites	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
103	Moving house frequently trying to find a good school....so stressful at our age. Endless issues re sibling access	7/12/2017 7:40 PM
104	Waiting for decisions on the future	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
105	most things are fine	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
106	Not having enough time spent with the children Having to be supervised in a office for a hour with the 6 yr old now for several moths.Once again I was the full time career,paternal grandparent,senior educator in children's services.	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
107	CPA	7/12/2017 6:45 PM
108	combining the NDIS and CPS to obtain decision in a satisfactory time period. NDIS makes it difficult to get access to portal to claim needs for child	7/12/2017 6:22 PM
109	schooling	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
110	See above.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
111	Financial support. We get the maximum loading which we have come to rely on and it has been said that this is to be reviewed each year now. (After getting it for 9 years with no review) I cannot survive without the loading	7/12/2017 5:33 PM
112	getting sleep	7/12/2017 5:30 PM
113	At the moment everything is great.	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
114	Support.	7/12/2017 5:01 PM
115	N/a	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
116	Nothing	7/12/2017 4:42 PM
117	not getting adequate regular respite.	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
118	Payment to OSHC as bio children also attending so Centrelink very complex to work out	7/12/2017 4:39 PM
119	We have room for 2 children in our home and if we could have children from 2 different agencies that would be great every thing else is fine please look into reunification more children need to go home then stay in commercial care.	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
120	We are getting through	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
121	Workload and exhaustion causing stress.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
122	We're ok.	7/12/2017 4:04 PM
123	dealing with Centrelink!	7/12/2017 3:53 PM

## Q50 What supports would you like to be able to access to help you with your caring role and responsibilities, that are not currently available or accessible?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 132

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	none	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	Being able to get more information from teachers on behaviours they see that we dont	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	DCP to believe what I tell them, rather than what they see in the behaviours. I never feel they believe me.	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	Independent carer advocacy with legal impost	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	Child Psychologists, Autism Australia	7/27/2017 11:59 PM
6	More respite especially to be able to call on help at very short notice.	7/27/2017 11:25 AM
7	I am happy with the current level of support.	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
8	automatic ndis access for child with disability i am currently payibg for thetapy as ndis expired in april and still waiting for renewal app	7/27/2017 9:32 AM
9	More information on children's day to day needs	7/27/2017 8:19 AM
10	fetal acholoc syndrome	7/26/2017 10:08 PM
11	More support from d c p	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
12	A weekend carer to take him places	7/26/2017 3:49 PM
13	Sometimes I feel like I need a mentor to help with some decisions and knowing lm not being fobbed off .Also knowing all what is available for my daughter to do well in life	7/26/2017 3:16 PM
14	N/A	7/26/2017 3:03 PM
15	legal support on complaints	7/26/2017 2:09 PM
16	Affordable holidays School holidays are always so more expensive than any other time of year and it really beneficial that all can enjoy a holiday together as a family	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
17	Telephone support from trained carers who know the system	7/26/2017 1:26 PM
18	honesty	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
19	some respite, potentially aslso more CAMHS	7/25/2017 4:37 PM
20	Access to cheaper accomodation in Adelaide and around SA so we can go away more as a family	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
21	Support for other children that live in the house that have had to adjust to the lil grandies living with us	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
22	I think I have a lot of support at the moment	7/25/2017 5:57 AM
23	More mental health and behavioural supports for foster child and biological children	7/24/2017 7:18 PM
24	I would like OPG Reduce the stigma of foster children. Let them be part of our family without interference	7/24/2017 2:43 PM
25	Regular respite with a consistent and appropriately trained mentor - during evenings or daytimes rather than out of the home overnight	7/24/2017 1:47 PM
26	Proactive trauma informed parenting program - one line with coaching support	7/24/2017 1:30 PM
27	Adoption	7/24/2017 12:36 PM
28	more communication from dcp on his access days .results	7/24/2017 11:47 AM
29	- an increase in payments so that we can extend our house to fit everyone in and also afford to take the kids on a nice annual holiday	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
30	OPG/ adoption information	7/23/2017 10:57 AM
31	nothing	7/22/2017 1:19 AM

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32	Allowing family members that live with the child to babysit, instead of having to put the child in childcare or respite care	7/21/2017 10:12 PM
33	it would be good to be able to get some straight answers from dcp.	7/21/2017 8:36 PM
34	As a working person the responsibility for our foster child is left to carer That worked okay until he was banned from attending 3 OHSC so that left me family and friends who are not available due to their work commitments Child was banned due to inappropriate behaviour	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
35	When there are training days it would be good to have crèche available so you can attend. Most of the people I talk to don't go because kids can't come and then they don't provide a crèche.	7/21/2017 8:08 PM
36	if there is a event during the work week we can take her to the events and asked if family Sa would be able to take her but no aswer	7/21/2017 7:11 PM
37	would love to be able to apply for OPG or adoption without the red tape. Currently all our information would be given to paternal parents and they have the opportunity to challenge. In our case this raises a big safety issue. This system needs to change as courts have already ruled GOM18 so why the red tape	7/21/2017 6:29 PM
38	Care for kids through the day when they are sick or have been suspended from school as we both work full-time Not being able to Access Family Tax Benefit as kids are accessed on our income - so wrong! Shortage of respite options for Teenagers	7/21/2017 3:00 PM
39	Paid training in specific disability. Help with childcare fees used as respite	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
40	More cultural training	7/21/2017 6:37 AM
41	Knowing what supports are available would be a good start	7/20/2017 10:13 PM
42	Support to keep vulnerable children in care past 18, if they are not able or confident enough to go out by them self.	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
43	We have NDIS provided psychological care now.	7/20/2017 3:55 PM
44	Ability to converse with NDIS about my foster sons case	7/20/2017 3:53 PM
45	quicker access to SSO for school support as our foster child has to delay going to school until one is arranged	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
46	Support for Hiring Nannies for in home care	7/20/2017 1:36 PM
47	Open communication and family plan in life direction for Foster Children. Open COmmunication to build a relationship with Foster Childs Blrth family.	7/20/2017 1:27 PM
48	More financial assistance. I gave up working full time to stay at home and care for our son, as that's what he needed. More financial assistance would be extremely helpful.	7/20/2017 12:21 PM
49	Na	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
50	Not sure	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
51	N/a	7/20/2017 10:46 AM
52	A cleaner .. one can only dream	7/20/2017 9:30 AM
53	I would like access to experts to assist me with parenting tools and behaviour management skills as my child grows and evolves. Expediency and prompting from staff WITHIN the DCP for things like OT and play therapy, rather than feeling like I need to discover for myself that these therapies may be useful, and that I ought justify the need. Surely the fact that a child is in permanent care, and all of the issues which led to removal are proof enough.	7/19/2017 11:17 PM
54	Expedited medical care for our whole family, not just the foster children	7/19/2017 5:35 PM
55	An advocate who can assess our situation and assist in getting our DCP office to move forward swiftly with the best interests of the children.	7/19/2017 4:47 PM
56	Counselling for our eldest and more knowledge about happened to him	7/19/2017 2:52 PM
57	Reliable case worker	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
58	N/A	7/19/2017 1:44 PM
59	Allgood	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
60	I would like the approvals required for decision making in respect to my foster child to be taken away from DCP and given to Life Without Barriers in an effort to make the process much more efficient.	7/19/2017 11:44 AM
61	Most of them?	7/19/2017 7:53 AM
62	Education/training for post 18 Relevant recreation group support for post 18	7/18/2017 3:20 PM
63	DCP making child focused choices and keeping promises regarding contact with kids	7/18/2017 2:08 PM



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64	DCP to look at what each child needs. I am single and deal with my daughter well, however require some financial assistance. I do not take up DCP staff time, therefore don't cost money that way, so would be nice to be able to get some financial support.	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
65	prefer to make own supports	7/18/2017 11:03 AM
66	- need to have the power to make decisions about birth family access - yoga to do together with my child - funding for activities for me to do together with my child as part of building a relationship (like WEA cooking classes)	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
67	education psychology recreational	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
68	regular, reliable respite	7/15/2017 4:37 PM
69	Open transparent communication. Our comments to be valued and taken on board. Minutes of meetings provided. Psych report with us quoted be provided to us.	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
70	Dont need any	7/15/2017 8:28 AM
71	I have support form the fresh start program through anglicare and get enough support.	7/14/2017 4:03 PM
72	none	7/14/2017 8:30 AM
73	Respite	7/13/2017 10:07 PM
74	Weekly psychology and speech therapy,	7/13/2017 5:03 PM
75	Help with housework would help as sometimes you struggle to keep up with everything.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
76	One on one learning at school with child with learning problems.	7/13/2017 2:41 PM
77	Nil	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
78	The same training and assistance the professionals receive. I was fortunate enough to see Dan Hughes and Jon Baylin when they were here recently. However the Australian Childhood Foundation offer a certificate in Developmental Trauma but is only open to professionals in the industry. They should also be at a cost us a carers are able to afford.	7/13/2017 11:53 AM
79	Training, information support for children with trauma/ behaviour	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
80	Clear outline of court processes, reunification process, access to medical records/information, being a part of a transition process.	7/13/2017 8:46 AM
81	Not sure whats available. Some transport to help wife take kids to outings would be usefull when i am not available.	7/13/2017 7:38 AM
82	more foster care forums and catch up's with other carers and DCP staff involvement	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
83	Each case be looked at on the child's needs but financial assistance when child is sick regularly so I can focus on caring for my child not also having to worry about paying the bills. Being given parenting payments like all other parents would have helped. Practical hands on help when your child is sick.	7/12/2017 10:45 PM
84	The freedom to be a parent and the fairness given to biological kids living with kids in care	7/12/2017 10:07 PM
85	Lawn mowing Crèche at education sessions	7/12/2017 9:44 PM
86	As above plus more transparency in obligations and rights. I know this is recorded in fancy glossy booklets but I want to see it really happen.	7/12/2017 9:43 PM
87	Some help to take 5 children on a weeken away somewhere nothing extravagant camping, caravan park	7/12/2017 9:04 PM
88	Respite.. no interest loans for additions to house	7/12/2017 8:57 PM
89	Access to non compulsory training on things that would be usefull (being funded to go to training run by outside organisations etc)	7/12/2017 8:53 PM
90	Counselling or a support person not directly linked to the department to assist	7/12/2017 8:35 PM
91	Open communication with DCP, respect my concerns	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
92	The support is there.....for me, it is a matter of whether I access them.	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
93	More up front information rather than having to find it ourselves more timely responses from dco	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
94	Advocacy especially with schools.	7/12/2017 7:40 PM
95	Access to someone who could help get child into school of choice- it's a minefield	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
96	Better access to fam tax A and B benefits rather than income based for foster carers as I work full time and feel disadventaed as a result of being employed	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
97	Dcp to listen to what you say We are with the chn 24/7 and worker sees chn hour per month	7/12/2017 7:12 PM

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98	More interactions on a regular basis. More outings made available. Telephone calls returned before three days,	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
99	a MALE MENTOR for my almost 12yo grandson - a man he can talk to about his hopes and fears, and who can help him with what it means to be a man	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
100	More support with education. Support to access NDIS. I know some children in care other than the child in my care and they all have a. Developmental delay, educational difficulties, problems with language and social difficulties.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
101	I need help from the social worker to gain access to educational support. This was done well by the social worker that has just moved.	7/12/2017 5:33 PM
102	medication when a dr said it is needed and DCP says no to it and regular respite	7/12/2017 5:30 PM
103	Respite Cleaner	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
104	Therapy	7/12/2017 5:01 PM
105	As much as possible, but not aware of any specific services.	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
106	Not needed	7/12/2017 4:42 PM
107	possibly an internet forum to connect with other carers in SA and maybe other states	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
108	Respite Psychology Support groups	7/12/2017 4:39 PM
109	Having in home help when children are unwell and cannot go to child care. This type of service may include cleaning, cooking, or a second set of hands in our home to support caring for sick children	7/12/2017 4:34 PM
110	I feel our support group is good so far but would like more respite when we need to have a break need more respite careers.	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
111	More education on supporting kids and their disorders create by poor childhood Mental health and support for carers	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
112	A Facebook/online forum for carers to share experiences and access support. Someone to coordinate health and welfare needs rather than having to work out what's needed and what's available on my own	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
113	Young adult and/or Autism social programs.	7/12/2017 4:04 PM
114	maybe some ongoing family training/counselling	7/12/2017 3:53 PM

## Q51 Is there anything that would help you to feel more confident?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 151

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	Make desisions quicker for a childs sake	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	DCP to believe what I tell them, rather than what they see in the behaviours.	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	I will never trust a government employee, be it police or CPA, again, as long as I live	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	Advice about more outside activities and access to toy lending libraries.	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
6	more control eg ndis access as i know my child best	7/27/2017 9:32 AM
7	As per 50	7/27/2017 8:19 AM
8	i dont need anymore confidence lol	7/26/2017 10:08 PM
9	As above	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
10	Some positive feedback from DCP	7/26/2017 3:16 PM
11	N/A	7/26/2017 3:03 PM
12	do a course on how to cope with adolescents	7/26/2017 2:32 PM
13	better communications and me not having to chase	7/26/2017 2:09 PM
14	N/A	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
15	Good health, more room,	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
16	if the DCP worker read her file	7/25/2017 4:37 PM
17	Ac-care really really listening to me	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
18	No	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
19	If the care concerns could be made clearer	7/25/2017 5:57 AM
20	More transparency and commitment from agencies to preserve the placement rather than end it when my child's behaviours become very difficult to manage in a family home.	7/24/2017 1:47 PM
21	the above	7/24/2017 1:30 PM
22	see above	7/24/2017 11:47 AM
23	I feel like I am viewed in a negative way if I ask for financial assistance	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
24	OPG/ adoption	7/23/2017 10:57 AM
25	no	7/22/2017 1:19 AM
26	Recognition through financial reimbursement and an opportunity to attend accredited training that could be used as a career pathway CPD should also do all the paperwork for carers to access Centrelink payments Why should we be responsible for applying for childcare rebates when we are volunteers and the foster child comes under the guardianship of the state so technically the state should have that responsibility Why do the states have different Child protection policies why don't we have a National one The states have different rates of reimbursements and supports given to foster carers	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
27	Sometimes I worry because I have a subsidy for my foster child with a health care card and school card, but not for my birth children. For example, This creates problems because you can have a child come into care sick then it gets passed onto your kids and while medicine is subsidised for foster it is not for your own and it creates unfair treatment between children in your family. This sometimes makes me worry that we will not be able to continue foster care into the future because of the financial challenges. I think one great help would be to provide all foster families with an automatic health care card and also automatic school cards for the whole family.	7/21/2017 8:08 PM
28	for agencys to listen to what we say about the children in our care. we have them 24/7 and often have a better understanding as to what they may need and the challenges they face and yet often we are not listened to.	7/21/2017 6:29 PM
29	Acknowledgement	7/21/2017 3:00 PM

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30	As above	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
31	More communication and information from DCP to be able to better support the children, it would also make us as carers feel we are being heard and a valid voice for our children.	7/20/2017 6:23 PM
32	Yes knowing : can stay with us past 18, and that we can receive the financial support for that to happen.	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
33	Rebuild the system.	7/20/2017 3:55 PM
34	more informed about schooling	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
35	Guarantee's that our foster child will not be removed because we have complained, sought help or raised an issue.	7/20/2017 1:27 PM
36	Feel confident we are doing well	7/20/2017 11:38 AM
37	No	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
38	At this stage, no	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
39	not that I can think of.	7/20/2017 10:42 AM
40	Nil	7/20/2017 9:30 AM
41	If case workers were required to study child development.	7/19/2017 11:17 PM
42	more money so I don't feel like the kids are missing out	7/19/2017 5:35 PM
43	A miracle! Someone auditing DCP files regularly and speaking to each carer to see if the DCP office is actually doing as they say.	7/19/2017 4:47 PM
44	Adoption	7/19/2017 2:52 PM
45	To feel heard	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
46	All good	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
47	Funding so that adequately trained staff are employed to ensure that a) CARL reports are acted upon immediately, and b) DCP are actually resourced to carry out their role to an acceptable level of care.	7/19/2017 11:44 AM
48	Information/help to make your environment safe for young people with a disability	7/18/2017 3:20 PM
49	I am confident in myself. I am not confident that DCP do what they say they will do.	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
50	adoption	7/18/2017 11:03 AM
51	Being valued as a long term carer.	7/17/2017 3:13 PM
52	- changes in legislation to extinguish birth parent rights after six months to one year and move to adoption with financial support (the financial support being because these kids have huge issues and you need to be able to draw on stuff that costs money to help them heal - still much cheaper than residential care)	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
53	Occupational Therapists. Help for the kids to be diagnosed.	7/16/2017 4:37 PM
54	getting the children psychological support	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
55	More days that go well!!	7/15/2017 4:37 PM
56	As we are parents of two other children of our own we have confidence in raising children. Be valued and culture change.	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
57	Staff stability	7/15/2017 8:28 AM
58	If there was consistency across the board for carers with allowances and what expenses can be reimbursed etc. e.g. medical, recreational, travel to appointments	7/14/2017 4:03 PM
59	Are starting defensive training so can defend myself when been attacked. This should of happened 3 years ago.	7/13/2017 8:43 PM
60	Allowance for the grandchildren in our care	7/13/2017 5:03 PM
61	Communication and more family history.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
62	OPG	7/13/2017 2:41 PM
63	No	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
64	Being able to attend more courses as we are the ones on the front line with our children and the professionals do not live it every day, however they are the ones only provided with the tools to deal with their needs.	7/13/2017 11:53 AM
65	OPG	7/13/2017 11:35 AM

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66	More helpful strategies	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
67	Being heard and validated.	7/13/2017 8:46 AM
68	Not sure but some training at accessible times might be a help.	7/13/2017 7:38 AM
69	yeah trusting DCP staff .	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
70	More information about my child's health history so that I can make informed decisions when dealing with health issues and answering questions from health professionals.	7/12/2017 10:45 PM
71	Knowing the children are here to stay forever in the family.	7/12/2017 9:48 PM
72	To be listened to, transparency on information, opg	7/12/2017 9:44 PM
73	OPG with a very clearly written agreement	7/12/2017 9:43 PM
74	More information	7/12/2017 9:39 PM
75	Being kept informed	7/12/2017 9:30 PM
76	Not having to get signed permission for everything from school enrolment through to deciding to take a child to a dietician. Being treated as a competent person who can be trusted with a birth certificate etc.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
77	To be assured that the children will not be forced out of my home when they turn 18	7/12/2017 8:35 PM
78	Yes contact with DCP	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
79	No. I feel fairly confident about my situation at present.	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
80	No	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
81	My younger son finishing high school	7/12/2017 7:40 PM
82	-	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
83	Being told you are doing a good job or how the young person is changing etc.	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
84	Monthly meetings with staff,supervisors,kingship are workers.	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
85	The support mentioned above would make a huge difference.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
86	Being assured my loading wont be taken away	7/12/2017 5:33 PM
87	more disclosure	7/12/2017 5:30 PM
88	Transperancy	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
89	No	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
90	No!	7/12/2017 4:42 PM
91	being able to openly talk about challenges with children without feeling constantly scutinised by a government agency	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
92	Not having the kinship kids on my Centrelink have there own as causes issues with payments % and tax	7/12/2017 4:39 PM
93	Knowing that we can get support from DCP	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
94	No I have gained self confidence	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
95	Online forum. Database of information, particularly on behavioral issues. Financial help into retirement.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM

## Q52 Are there any barriers you face as a Carer?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 143

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	I need to be on my guard everytime out in public as no idea what area birth family live in	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	"You're not the real parent"	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	Integrity of CPA and care agencies	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	Yes ,even though I can advocate for these children, at the end of the day the descisions made for them about things that impact their life are not mine. Choices are made that directly go against " all children in care have the right to a say in descisions that affect them"	7/27/2017 11:59 PM
6	Only as a single foster carer I may have times when I need a break and can't turn to s partner for them to help	7/27/2017 11:00 PM
7	None	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
8	being the 3rd person	7/27/2017 9:32 AM
9	no as long as theres always an ear open	7/26/2017 10:08 PM
10	We are getting older and find it hard to keep caring	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
11	None at this stage	7/26/2017 3:49 PM
12	As mentioned above, being a non-Aboriginal carer to an Aboriginal child makes me concerned I'm not doing enough to support his cultural identity	7/26/2017 3:03 PM
13	lots of red tape! we shouldn't need to get approvals for trips, holidays, schooling, emergency medical treatment etc if we are trusted	7/26/2017 2:32 PM
14	accessing support when abuse issues come up	7/26/2017 2:09 PM
15	N/A	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
16	Inconsistent cw from DCP. They don't seem to follow the same rules	7/26/2017 1:26 PM
17	Health	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
18	Case workers believing they know the child better than we do.	7/26/2017 11:50 AM
19	Repite	7/26/2017 11:46 AM
20	the attitude of the DCP	7/25/2017 4:37 PM
21	Not at the moment.	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
22	No	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
23	I would love a bigger home to care for more kids.	7/25/2017 5:57 AM
24	loss of freedom	7/24/2017 2:43 PM
25	Work life balance Lack of supports available that can meet my child's needs/ manage his behaviours therapeutically Difficulty of not getting a break during which I can know that my child is adequately supported	7/24/2017 1:47 PM
26	the term carer... we are a family and I am their mum and the system and those within it forget that we are there every moment loving them and supporting their growth.	7/24/2017 1:30 PM
27	Finance	7/24/2017 12:36 PM
28	no	7/24/2017 11:47 AM
29	Financial and emotional burnout	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
30	No.	7/23/2017 10:57 AM
31	no	7/22/2017 1:19 AM

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32	Sometimes a sense of social isolation due to the behaviours of our foster children Living in a rural area the time it takes to travel, work and ensure I can do it within school hours and getting someone to look after foster child when he has a student day off, sick days and phone calls from the school to pick him up due to behaviour I will ring CPD to help out but some times that is not possible	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
33	Yes but they are expected	7/21/2017 8:08 PM
34	Different workers approach, some seem to know it all and are never wrong. Not being able to Access Family Tax Benefit as kids are accessed on our income - so wrong! Shortage of respite options for Teenagers	7/21/2017 3:00 PM
35	sometimes the lack of information dcp gives us, we don't want it so we can put it in the local paper we want it so we can best support the children	7/21/2017 2:07 PM
36	We are limited to where we can go due to childs aggressive behaviors and sensory issues	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
37	Not really	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
38	Too many to bother writing and I don't think you can help anyway.	7/20/2017 3:55 PM
39	I cannot adequately advocate for my foster son and his needs due to NDIS policies	7/20/2017 3:53 PM
40	accessing centrelink	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
41	Having to work and take care of children at the same time	7/20/2017 1:36 PM
42	Frustration RE:DCP	7/20/2017 1:27 PM
43	No	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
44	DCP	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
45	no	7/20/2017 10:42 AM
46	Nil	7/20/2017 9:30 AM
47	Depression and anxiety	7/19/2017 11:17 PM
48	Being a single parent makes it harder. A rent-a-hubby service would be good. Or, better still,, rent-a-wife :-)	7/19/2017 5:35 PM
49	DCP senior workers! I swear they must be paid per child they have on their books? They certainly don't like the idea of any children being placed for opg.	7/19/2017 4:47 PM
50	Having to tell people the boys are fostered eg school, medical etc Not knowing their medical history	7/19/2017 2:52 PM
51	Access to a reliable case worker	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
52	No	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
53	Dealing with DCP in there current incarnation	7/19/2017 11:44 AM
54	Inconsistency within the DCP DCP constant support of birth parents, and always on their side (in our situation this is)	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
55	Many barriers are faced, it's a frustrating process dealing with DCP and their lack of accountability.	7/17/2017 3:13 PM
56	- no power	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
57	At times I feel like I am hitting my against a brick wall.	7/16/2017 4:37 PM
58	dealing with the ongoing trauma and displacement of child	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
59	It is difficult to have friends outside of foster caring that understand our situation. Protecting the childrens privacy is part of this	7/15/2017 4:37 PM
60	Bullying, mind games. Emotional and mental abuse carers face.	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
61	No	7/15/2017 8:28 AM
62	Exhaustion.	7/14/2017 8:43 PM
63	Sometimes my health	7/14/2017 4:03 PM
64	Yes working full time and managing two children with behavioural challenges with no downtime to speak of	7/13/2017 10:07 PM
65	Ageing, and keeping up with the young children in our care. The amount of care needed for the disabled child.	7/13/2017 5:03 PM
66	Lack of history and inconsistent access.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM

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67	The children don't feel they are "normal kids" because of the involvement of SW in their life.	7/13/2017 2:41 PM
68	No	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
69	Not being able to have the child on our medicare card, not allowing us to be able to sign for things like school enrolments, camps, other documentation or make the decisions.	7/13/2017 11:53 AM
70	Issues/ communication with DCP	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
71	Transport could be a barrier. I am available at most times but when i am busy during sporting activity my wife currently is unable to transport kids anywhere.	7/13/2017 7:38 AM
72	Treatment to carers from DCP staff , we are treated like dirt we truly are, and that right there needs to stop.	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
73	Lack of information and involvement in processes	7/12/2017 10:45 PM
74	Isolation from my own family as the child is my biological niece	7/12/2017 10:07 PM
75	Having single status used against me via agency	7/12/2017 9:44 PM
76	As above	7/12/2017 9:43 PM
77	Work, the girls have so many appointments that it wasn't fair to my employer to continue. I don't know when this will change	7/12/2017 9:39 PM
78	Yes	7/12/2017 9:04 PM
79	Lack of any rights that are afforded to people parenting their own children. For example if I felt home schooling would be the best option for a child I would have to battle with DCP and would never win, or if a child needed to stay at kindy until they were 6 it would be a battle again. Same concept if they are not ready for kindy at 3yrs I would be forced to send them. So as a carer our hands are tied when it comes to doing what best suits the individual child.	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
80	Attending hospital and doc appointments.. and appointments being sent to cps instead of the home	7/12/2017 8:57 PM
81	Health and people not taking time to actually listen to what is going on	7/12/2017 8:53 PM
82	Uncomfortable telling people I dont know well that I am a carer	7/12/2017 8:35 PM
83	Yes lack of respect by DCP as child's primary Carer NOT respected, concerns dismissed	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
84	No	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
85	Aging and knowing all the theories but being able to put them in place especially at midnight.	7/12/2017 8:07 PM
86	Ni	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
87	Juggling work with care as I am supposed to travel. That's on hold as I don't have access to carer in this situation- lucky I work for a sympathetic employer	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
88	age ailments	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
89	You almost put your own life on hold for these young people because you love them	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
90	Yes, I'm constantly having to ask for more time to see my granddaughters and I'm constinatley fighting for there rights to be able to come to see grandma at the same time for one weekend a month!	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
91	health, working, finances, no respite, peers have all retired and are enjoying their time away from work, whereas at 68 I am still working to provide for this child, and, I AM TIRED	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
92	Not really.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
93	being allowed to let the children have sleep overs	7/12/2017 5:30 PM
94	Fighting for the best interest of the child	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
95	Financial	7/12/2017 5:01 PM
96	Costs	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
97	No	7/12/2017 4:42 PM
98	no barriers as such	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
99	Dealing with extended family, bio parents, visitations and fall outs and still parenting	7/12/2017 4:39 PM
100	Not really	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
101	Knowledge of departments often wages my time	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
102	Inability to work due to caring responsibilities means inadequate finances heading for retirement, no ability to accumulate superannuation etc.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM





## Q53 What worries you most about caring?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	nothing	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	Not being able to just hold a child, cuddle them, when hurt emotionally when they instigate it	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	That the youngest will walk out and never be seen again.	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	The fact that the child has all the rights to make any claim they feel so inclined and carers have no right to be heard at all - in our case for 4 YEARS	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	That the children will be removed.	7/27/2017 11:59 PM
6	Future behaviours of child and will I be good at handling them. Although I am getting great books and courses to read from Anglicare to help prepare me	7/27/2017 11:00 PM
7	That he will be removed because we admit to his behaviours being challenging. The assumption that by saying he is difficult we cannot cope and must be protected whether or not this is what we actually need. Also worry that he will be arbitrarily removed for reunification with his birth family despite his strong attachment to us and without regard to his psychological well being.	7/27/2017 11:25 AM
8	If anything should happen to me while my foster child is in my care.	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
9	dcp worker changing	7/27/2017 9:32 AM
10	Always concerned about false allegations and what this would mean for my professional life as well as my foster caring	7/27/2017 8:19 AM
11	what happens to some of them once they r 18yrs old	7/26/2017 10:08 PM
12	That the system is failing carers	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
13	That were they go from us if they need help after we're gone	7/26/2017 3:49 PM
14	How will my daughter manage when I am not around	7/26/2017 3:16 PM
15	I worry that we're too late. So much of the research seems to indicate that those early experiences for a child are so incredibly important, and knowing that my boy did not have a positive start to his life, then went into a relative/kinship placement which was also not great, I can't help but wonder whether at age 7, has the damage already been done to him? I hope that us providing him with loving, consistent care will be enough but I'm not confident that it will be.	7/26/2017 3:03 PM
16	getting older	7/26/2017 2:32 PM
17	not having all the information I need	7/26/2017 2:09 PM
18	N/A	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
19	Loosing my kids	7/26/2017 1:26 PM
20	Not being able to do best for child	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
21	the affects it will have on my biological daughter	7/26/2017 11:50 AM
22	as above, especially when she gets older	7/25/2017 4:37 PM
23	Nothing at the moment	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
24	No	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
25	Care concerns. And that the child can be taken at any point	7/25/2017 5:57 AM
26	Biological family, worsening behaviours, constant change of DCP and agency workers	7/24/2017 7:18 PM
27	that the children will be removed because a DCP worker decides that they don't like us	7/24/2017 2:43 PM
28	What happens to my child if his placement with me is ended What happens to my child at 18 when I can't financially support him anymore The risk to me of a care concern	7/24/2017 1:47 PM
29	The horror stories i hear about court orders being challenged and children being removed after years. Pressure as a white person looking after two aboriginal children and how that will play out. Are we the second wave of the stolen generation	7/24/2017 1:30 PM
30	well being of the child after visits	7/24/2017 11:47 AM

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31	The impact it has on my biological children and the fear that the children I care for will be taken from me	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
32	That my child could be taken at any time, and I have no legal hold over her.	7/23/2017 10:57 AM
33	nothing	7/22/2017 1:19 AM
34	I guess the fear that someone will make a false care concern and our children be taken away. caring for an aboriginal child long term - can be removed in the blink of an eye after years with a stable foster family - breaking attachments and causing more trauma...	7/21/2017 8:36 PM
35	My health as I get older and the issues foster children are presenting with currently	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
36	That it could impact my work and future ability to have my own children if currect fc can't cope with other children. Don't want them to feel rejected either.	7/21/2017 8:11 PM
37	when she get older and understands what has happened in her life.	7/21/2017 7:11 PM
38	we have made the decision to care for no more children other than the one we have due to the possibily of the other children jepordising her care	7/21/2017 6:29 PM
39	We are expected to use our own money often as we are on reasonable wages. Not being able to Access Family Tax Benefit as kids are accessed on our income - so wrong! Shortage of respite options for Teenagers	7/21/2017 3:00 PM
40	What will happen as the lad with ASD gets older as hes only 4 now. Can we manage it without having a breakdown ourselvez	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
41	In my area the number of children removed by dcp who don't have stable homes to go to or even a home.	7/21/2017 6:37 AM
42	Not getting it right!	7/20/2017 10:25 PM
43	That these children are put thought so much and their best interests isn't always put first.	7/20/2017 6:23 PM
44	The children in our care. They become family, and our family also treat them as family members, but we are older carers and we worry how we will support them on he pension when past 18 support stops.	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
45	Being scrutinised by workers with no experience in what I'm doing.	7/20/2017 3:55 PM
46	approaching challenging behaviours the wrong way and the worry of false allegations.	7/20/2017 3:52 PM
47	Birth families who don't cooperate	7/20/2017 1:36 PM
48	Punishment from DCP for our child if we are insistant on answers or requests.	7/20/2017 1:27 PM
49	My son being faced with so many challenges.	7/20/2017 12:21 PM
50	Losing our child due to decisions made from higher up.	7/20/2017 11:38 AM
51	Nothing	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
52	That people who really don't know my child are making life changing decisions for them. I'm worried that I'm not respected	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
53	possibility of unpredictable, potentially dangerous behaviour. I don't think this is likely but our foster child has very different social connections in her life than our own child has, ie more negative influences although I don't think these are major. Teenagers can be unpredictable anyway!	7/20/2017 10:42 AM
54	Nil	7/20/2017 9:30 AM
55	How things will turn out in the future, and if I will be able to withstand the abnormal pressures of being the parent of a child through this system. It's anything but normal.	7/19/2017 11:17 PM
56	I am doing the right thing by the child	7/19/2017 9:26 PM
57	where the child goes next	7/19/2017 5:56 PM
58	What would happen to the children if something happened to me.	7/19/2017 5:35 PM
59	Having to deal with DCP for 18 years!!!	7/19/2017 4:47 PM
60	They will be given to a family member who turns up one day	7/19/2017 2:52 PM
61	More problems with DCP and NDIS	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
62	Having a child removed	7/19/2017 2:47 PM
63	Nothing	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
64	That children cannot possibly get adequate care when the government refuse to fund child protection to an acceptable level, and that they are not held accountable for their "lack of" duty of care" when managing said agencies.	7/19/2017 11:44 AM

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65	Lack of recognition that the "system" has towards the young people and their individuality	7/18/2017 3:20 PM
66	Constant threat of child being removed even when no reason too. Always feel on edge. what DCP staff write in file.	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
67	having children removed	7/18/2017 11:03 AM
68	Not being supported as well as you should.	7/17/2017 3:13 PM
69	- impact on my mental and physical health - all these years and the birth family may well still manage to fuck my child up and I am powerless to stop it because I have no power to control access - access needed to be stopped at a very early age	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
70	That I live long enough till they reach 18	7/16/2017 4:37 PM
71	the children not knowing why they are in your care	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
72	when things aren't going well there is always the fear of the children being removed from our care. Being vulnerable in 'the system'	7/15/2017 4:37 PM
73	DCP attitude and culture and how it has not changed. Can change name but nothing else changes. The future of our Guardianship Children.	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
74	Helping kids becoming the best they can be and influence of DCP with different views and values	7/15/2017 8:28 AM
75	My mental health.	7/14/2017 8:43 PM
76	losing my fantastic DCP worker and being handed over to some of the incompetent workers I'm constantly helping my friends to get action out of. Who say things like "my child" when they have only met said child once.	7/14/2017 4:03 PM
77	the future	7/14/2017 8:30 AM
78	The ability to continue without any break	7/13/2017 10:07 PM
79	That the foster children are made to do visiting with biological family which retraumatizes them and doesn't them to heal and settle in with their new family	7/13/2017 8:43 PM
80	The teenage years we're coming up to. The unhappiness of the foster children as they both have difficulties forming friendships	7/13/2017 5:03 PM
81	That we are doing enough for the kids in our care with the knowledge we about their time period to coming to us.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
82	The children being taken away for no reason.	7/13/2017 2:41 PM
83	When the time comes that they no longer need care	7/13/2017 1:46 PM
84	The potential for false allegations to be made and them to be handled damagingly. Unfortunately perception before knowing of situations make people assume wrongly in some circumstances	7/13/2017 11:53 AM
85	Behaviour management Young persons view of birth family	7/13/2017 11:35 AM
86	Nothing	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
87	Not having any control or say in outcome or interests of the child. Absolute disregard from Child Youth Advocate in court process. A little communication goes a long way.	7/13/2017 8:46 AM
88	Our health is an issue. I try to get some walking in during the week but find it hard sometimes. If our health fails i worry what would happen to our gkids.	7/13/2017 7:38 AM
89	mmm good question , Not feeling safe in your own home , some of these children like to make false complaints about carers etc , How do carers stay safe from these sorts of things in there own homes.	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
90	That when the time comes I won't have the information to answer my child's questions about his family	7/12/2017 10:45 PM
91	Removal of children from my care, lack of ability to be involved in decision making.	7/12/2017 10:15 PM
92	Having the children taken away from the family.	7/12/2017 9:48 PM
93	Having my children removed	7/12/2017 9:44 PM

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94	I worry dreadfully about managing financially once my 15 year old reaches 18. She is an excellent student who will finish year 12 aged only 17. She wants to go to university and study forensic science but I will be on an age pension by then. I am determined that she will be supported	7/12/2017 9:43 PM
95	Impact on my own child	7/12/2017 9:30 PM
96	Seeing children reunified with unstable families after being in a nurturing foster home.	7/12/2017 9:20 PM
97	Getting sick what would happen to the children	7/12/2017 9:04 PM
98	Having my children removed because I disagree with DCP, or step on too many toes. Not being able to provide a safe haven to other little people for the same reasons	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
99	Having the room and the transport to keep the children with me until adulthood	7/12/2017 8:57 PM
100	Kids returning to unsuitable environments and not having any say to get it stopped	7/12/2017 8:53 PM
101	Insecurity about the future	7/12/2017 8:35 PM
102	Uncertainty of placements, related to DCP confusing information	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
103	Getting older and still having growing girls in my care. Sometimes I worry about whether financially I will be able to manage but tend not to dwell on that too much.	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
104	That one day we may lose this child because of care concerns and not being able to deal with escalating behaviours.	7/12/2017 8:07 PM
105	Nothing	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
106	How to support our 19 yr old who has aged out. How to support our younger boy once he ages out.	7/12/2017 7:40 PM
107	Decisions change so you don't know where you stand sometimes	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
108	Am I doing enough	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
109	care concerns	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
110	Isolation from family and friends	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
111	Nothingnil	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
112	The children we have committed to being removed	7/12/2017 7:01 PM
113	financial restrictions. Unfair, ambiguous assessment criteria for loading. 50% is really 37%, 100% is really only 74%. High expectation from CPS on the very little we get from the loading with no objective guidelines as what loading covers and does not cover. It shows the system lacks integrity.	7/12/2017 6:22 PM
114	I worry about what will happen to him if I become incapacitated or pass away before he is an adult	7/12/2017 6:21 PM
115	Ensuring I do everything to support her to be s successful adult.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
116	Finances Teen years	7/12/2017 5:33 PM
117	the parents finding out where i live and try to steal their children back	7/12/2017 5:30 PM
118	Not managing and lack of information	7/12/2017 5:12 PM
119	Not being able to afford the therapy foster child needs. Not being able to cut back at work to give child more time	7/12/2017 5:01 PM
120	What will occur as the children get older and are no longer supported by FSA	7/12/2017 4:57 PM
121	As a respite provider, no particular worries. Just enjoyment from our child!	7/12/2017 4:42 PM
122	the children leaving our long term care after the GOM18 order is complete	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
123	Burn out	7/12/2017 4:39 PM
124	Getting theses children home	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
125	Not being able to counteract the effects of early abuse and neglect, and not having any money left in retirement.	7/12/2017 4:11 PM
126	Not being able to have a strong voice to advocate and having children removed	7/12/2017 4:04 PM
127	being to old to physically keep up	7/12/2017 3:53 PM
128	Having my kids moved	7/12/2017 3:52 PM

## Q54 Any other comments about the challenges?

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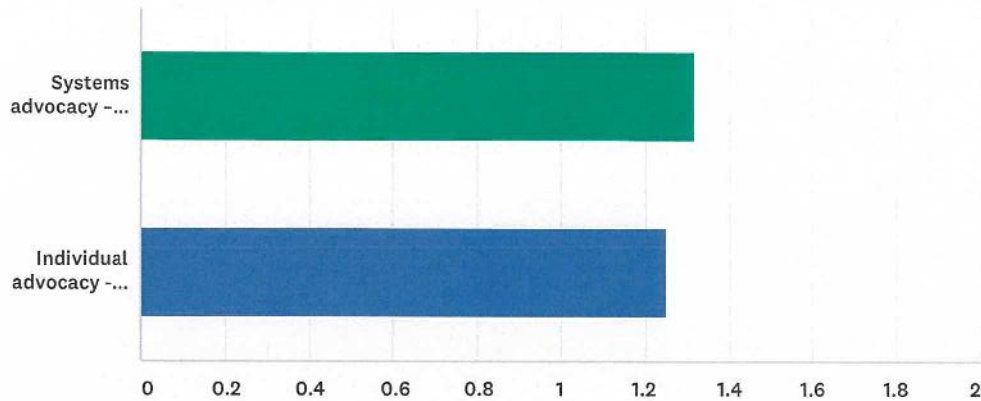
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1	no	7/31/2017 8:25 PM
2	Having to be the one who has to break FSA bad news to them and deal with the bad emotional fallout	7/31/2017 9:44 AM
3	It's hard work, and there are days I wonder why I stay caring.	7/28/2017 8:50 PM
4	Laws need to change to give rights to carers	7/28/2017 11:42 AM
5	Everyone rearing children has challenges , but when you have to beg to get the help that a child needs and you don't it's soul destroying. To see this child and know if only this could happen but instead you are sent on parenting courses ect meanwhile the child's emotional state is not addressed. Then suddenly at ten , oh wait this child needs help.....so many wasted years . The child is now behind at school , don't worry there's the FLOW program, at ten/eleven really ? We are pigeon holing the child . Is there any point her going on really ? If the problem was addressed at five/six as I asked this child would not face the struggle ahead. Listen to the person caring we don't need a Circle of Security to know a child is grieving for a parent!	7/27/2017 11:59 PM
6	No	7/27/2017 9:37 AM
7	Carers are being overloaded and pressured into taking children because the system is failing	7/26/2017 9:26 PM
8	We take one day at a time and deal with anything that a rises on a daily basis rather than pre amp	7/26/2017 1:54 PM
9	Taking on someone else's responsibility is one thing feeling unsupported and Undermind is another.	7/26/2017 12:34 PM
10	No	7/25/2017 3:17 PM
11	No	7/25/2017 12:34 PM
12	no	7/24/2017 11:47 AM
13	As carers, once proven to be good carers in it for the right reasons, we should be given permanency with the children in our care and access to funds needed to provide them what they need. We save the government thousands and thousands of dollars per year caring for these children and the have to go through hoop after hoop year after year just to justify a grant needed to make necessary improvements.	7/23/2017 3:59 PM
14	no	7/22/2017 1:19 AM
15	dcp can be difficult to work with, not consistent between offices or even between workers	7/21/2017 8:36 PM
16	The CPD is going through many changes Is it possible for a consultant group of foster mothers and mothers to be incorporated within the department to be involved from a view point of the lived experience. Transparency within the department what is their budget for every child and what is it allowed to be spent on eg camps during school holidays,computers,iPads travel allowance for holidays to visit grand parents and parents who live out of state setting Ls for drivers licence access to a copy of their birth certificate trips for culture events	7/21/2017 8:29 PM
17	Not being able to Access Family Tax Benefit as kids are accessed on our income - so wrong! We are forced to use our wages to supplement shortfalls Shortage of respite options for Teenagers	7/21/2017 3:00 PM
18	Dont think the department understand how much extra pressure access puts on the child when they say they dont want to go but are made too.	7/21/2017 12:42 PM
19	is caught in the middle , not disabled enough to get support from NDSI but not confident enough to go out by herself with her social problems due to Aspergers. If we didn't keep her, what would happen to her.	7/20/2017 4:43 PM
20	Hopefully one day someone will realise that something needs to be changed with the NDIS system for children in care!	7/20/2017 3:53 PM
21	No	7/20/2017 11:24 AM
22	I think most carers just want to get on with the business of raising these kids knowing that if we need something it will happen. I'm so tired of fighting for everything	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
23	We take them as they come	7/20/2017 9:30 AM

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24	We work hard enough caring for kids, we should not have to be worried about the other support services we need.	7/19/2017 2:48 PM
25	No	7/19/2017 12:25 PM
26	Lack of experiential knowledge of the caring role in the people who are the experts creating the rules you are expected to follow	7/18/2017 3:20 PM
27	Most support is aimed at 2 parent families where one parent doesn't work so can attend training/support groups during school hours. Nothing in place I have found that supports single foster parents that work full time.	7/18/2017 12:11 PM
28	I love my kids (even the one who's messing up his life so spectacularly) very much and I could never say I would not have cared for them because of that. I owe them that level of commitment. But shit ... if you asked me if I would do this again ... not on your life. I sometimes feel I have wasted my whole life. And then I remind myself that I have one beautiful teen and I owe it to him to hold on to hope that he and I will get through the hell of his birth family and the hell that FSA have put us through. And I hold on to hope for another day.	7/17/2017 12:03 AM
29	There are many challenges living on Kangaroo Island. The services are as good as they can be with their limited funding.	7/16/2017 4:37 PM
30	case worker and biological parents should explain why the children are in foster care and should be supporting the carer with positive messages to why being in foster care is important for the child	7/16/2017 1:25 AM
31	It really saddens us what we have gone through and to find out other families experience similar. Nothing changes as DCP hold the children's welfare at risk as to stop carers from speaking out. In fear of not seeing the children again.	7/15/2017 9:52 AM
32	When first caring no discussion about what you will face having to deal with issues as they arise. Better information to help caring role	7/13/2017 10:07 PM
33	Where are the foster childrens rights not the abusive biological parents rights. They lost those rights when the children were placed in care.	7/13/2017 8:43 PM
34	We do the best we can with all the challenges that face us as a family.	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
35	NDIS should be accessible to children suffering from trauma, even if they don't have a disability.	7/13/2017 2:41 PM
36	No	7/13/2017 10:44 AM
37	been told the truth about the children they are wanting to place into our care , We have found this is one of the biggest things going , we are never told enough about the child and never enough info like medicare numbers , CRN numbers bluebooks etc . and well as issues about the child including known behaviours	7/12/2017 10:50 PM
38	The secrecy around policy. We are not allowed to see DCP policy/manuals, so when we disagree and are told it's policy it puts our backs up. I don't receive any paper work re: case plans etc. from DCP so have no idea what is going on behind the scenes for my children	7/12/2017 8:59 PM
39	Everyone needs me time.. respite that can take 3 children not just 1	7/12/2017 8:57 PM
40	No	7/12/2017 8:53 PM
41	Behavioural issues are a significant problem	7/12/2017 8:35 PM
42	No	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
43	Housing is a huge concern. Doors and walls smashed. Meltdowns not appreciated by neighbours. May have to move but can't do this without financial support. Financially it is a challenge.	7/12/2017 8:07 PM
44	No	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
45	Financial insecurity in the future as we continue to support our boys who have disabilities and will probably need our support well beyond 18.	7/12/2017 7:40 PM
46	we feel blessed	7/12/2017 7:21 PM
47	Each young person brings new challenges daily	7/12/2017 7:12 PM
48	No.	7/12/2017 6:04 PM
49	socially for the children, it would be good for them to be able to mix with other foster children, so they don't feel so alone in their circumstances.	7/12/2017 4:40 PM
50	Not really facing any challenges due to long term care of nephews.	7/12/2017 4:36 PM

## Q55 ADVOCATE

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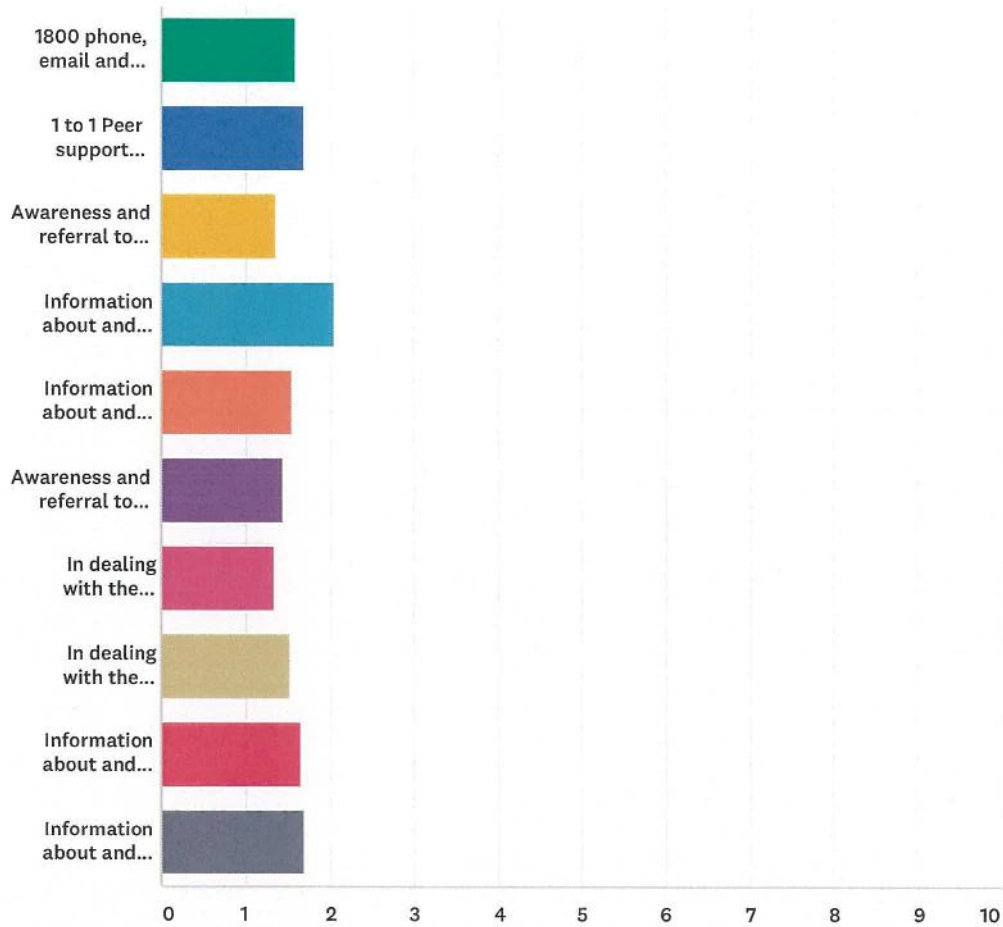
	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Systems advocacy – influencing positive changes to attitudes, policies, systems and laws	75.82% 116	15.03% 23	8.50% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	153	1.32
Individual advocacy - helping Carers to have an effective voice in matters that affect them and the child and/or young people placed in their care	80.52% 124	12.34% 19	6.49% 10	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	154	1.25

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	Agencies also need to give us these contact details and not wait for us to ask	7/31/2017 9:47 AM
2	Being a carer is hard work, and at times, I wonder why I still do it. It would be easier to walk away.	7/28/2017 8:57 PM
3	No	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
4	Advocacy is a joke. Nobody advocates for carers and cares are abused for advocating for their children.	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
5	I feel that my agency does this very well	7/20/2017 11:21 AM
6	Forget about influencing public attitudes though. When children's rights are truly respected, carers become well educated and informed and have access to the services their child needs without contest and DCP staff are making quality decisions, community perception will change. Because the positive stories we tell our friends and family will eventually filter through to the rest of the community. And it will be an enduring attitude change. You know what they say, you can't roll a turd in glitter...	7/19/2017 11:51 PM
7	Does this exist?	7/19/2017 4:51 PM
8	I think both are very important although the systemic changes are the most important.	7/17/2017 12:07 AM
9	always helping friends to stand up for their rights as they don't know what to do if a worker makes a decision or threats that aren't appropriate	7/14/2017 4:27 PM
10	We know our way around advocacy. We presented at the Royal Commission.	7/13/2017 5:09 PM
11	Advocacy would aid to feel less helpless in navigating DCP and the education system. Especially when a caring role is taking it toil.	7/12/2017 8:12 PM
12	Sibling access totally neglected area	7/12/2017 7:44 PM
13	When are you going to do this!	7/12/2017 7:10 PM



## Q56 SUPPORT

Answered: 154 Skipped: 92



	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
1800 phone, email and website enquiry lines?	54.55% 84	31.82% 49	11.69% 18	1.30% 2	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	154	1.59
1 to 1 Peer support (connection with another Carer)?	52.60% 81	28.57% 44	13.64% 21	1.95% 3	1.95% 3	1.30% 2	154	1.70
Awareness and referral to other services for children and young people?	68.63% 105	24.84% 38	3.92% 6	1.31% 2	0.00% 0	1.31% 2	153	1.37
Information about and access to CREATE'S services?	31.37% 48	34.64% 53	25.49% 39	3.27% 5	1.31% 2	3.92% 6	153	2.05
Information about and access to the Office of Guardian for Children and Young People?	59.09% 91	26.62% 41	10.39% 16	1.95% 3	0.00% 0	1.95% 3	154	1.54

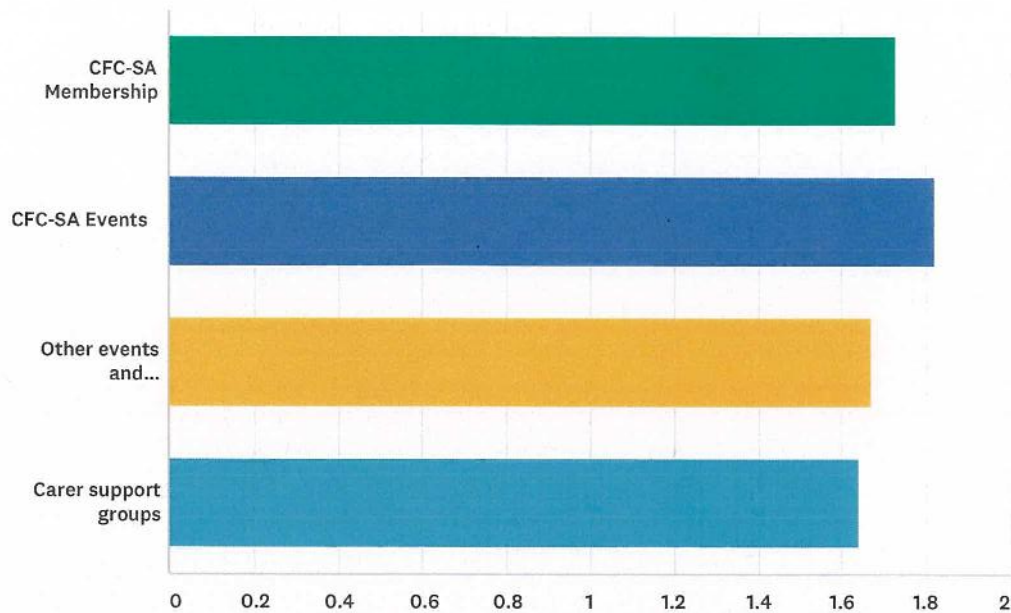
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Awareness and referral to other services for Carers?	66.01% 101	24.84% 38	6.54% 10	1.96% 3	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	153	1.44
In dealing with the Department for Child Protection (DCP)?	75.97% 117	16.88% 26	4.55% 7	0.65% 1	1.30% 2	0.65% 1	154	1.33
In dealing with the Kinship care team and foster care agencies?	55.19% 85	22.08% 34	7.79% 12	1.95% 3	0.65% 1	12.34% 19	154	1.53
Information about and access to Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner (HCSCC)?	53.90% 83	27.27% 42	10.39% 16	4.55% 7	0.65% 1	3.25% 5	154	1.66
Information about and access to the Ombudsman?	50.66% 77	28.95% 44	13.16% 20	3.95% 6	0.00% 0	3.29% 5	152	1.69

#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	Most of these I have never had information on in my 7 years of caring	7/31/2017 9:47 AM
2	No	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
3	didnt know some of these things existed	7/21/2017 8:41 PM
4	CREATE'S services are almost non existent in country area, very disappointing for the kids when they see stuff in the newsletters	7/21/2017 3:08 PM
5	No	7/20/2017 4:53 PM
6	Never been available to me.	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
7	These all sound very important. We have not had need to access or findo ur abou	7/20/2017 12:42 PM
8	I don't know what CREATE is	7/19/2017 11:51 PM
9	I would like to see more opportunities for carer families to get together (ie family picnics on weekends, or zoo days or whatever). So many activities are planned to fit in with Mon-Fri, 9-5 working hours, which don't provide the opportunity for most working carers to attend. If these opportunities can be provided, this may open up more support channels for families (ie direct mentoring support for new carer families from other experienced carer families at times that are also out of hours) in addition to fostering friendships between the children and parents. Older children can mentor and support younger children as well. A strong support network between carers also takes some of the pressure off social workers and allows any carer beginning to struggle (for whatever reason) so seek sympathetic and non-judgmental support to sort out any problems before more serious interventions are required	7/19/2017 5:48 PM
10	Even a directory of services available would be very beneficial.	7/15/2017 10:02 AM
11	We have had experience with EO commissioner also	7/13/2017 5:09 PM
12	It is ALL incredibly important and valid.	7/13/2017 8:49 AM
13	All above info is easy to access but they are not necessarily helpful	7/12/2017 7:44 PM

## Q57 CONNECT

Answered: 154 Skipped: 92



	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
CFC-SA Membership	48.03% 73	31.58% 48	16.45% 25	2.63% 4	0.00% 0	1.32% 2	152	1.73
CFC-SA Events	40.13% 61	38.16% 58	17.11% 26	2.63% 4	0.00% 0	1.97% 3	152	1.82
Other events and opportunities (eg conferences; family events)	45.10% 69	40.52% 62	10.46% 16	1.31% 2	0.00% 0	2.61% 4	153	1.67
Carer support groups	49.02% 75	33.99% 52	9.80% 15	2.61% 4	0.00% 0	4.58% 7	153	1.64

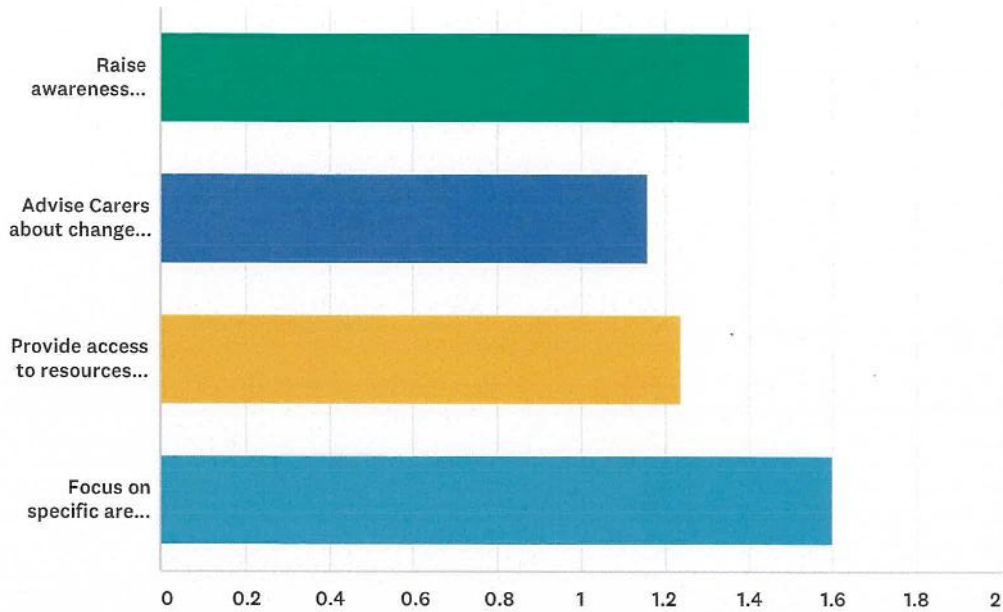
#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	There are no carer support groups here, but I don't feel connected to other carers generally. Many carers feel that relative carers aren't real carers, and that we don't have to do the assessment, etc they did.	7/28/2017 8:57 PM
2	No	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
3	I thoroughly enjoy my carer support group meetings as some of my concerns can be discussed by other carers and these outcomes assist greatly	7/27/2017 9:41 AM
4	I haven't actually attended any of these, so not sure I can comment	7/26/2017 3:06 PM
5	I'm currently only connected to other carers though Facebook because most groups meet on week day and I work.	7/25/2017 6:04 AM
6	All very important but again rely on internet and emails to be involved either due to working or distance for country people	7/21/2017 3:08 PM
7	Unfortunately being in the riverland we never seem to hear about conferences	7/21/2017 12:46 PM
8	Don't feel I've been caring long enough to form an opinion on these things	7/20/2017 10:28 PM
9	All these things are tiring to me. I always put more in than I get out of them.	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
10	These are not so important to me but I am sure would be very useful for many carers	7/20/2017 12:42 PM
11	Support groups are run well by our agency	7/20/2017 11:21 AM
12	Told by DCP worker these outings are for poor families so miss out on tickets	7/20/2017 9:39 AM

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13	I have received information about events too close to the event itself, to be able to make care arrangements for my child. On one occasion I received an invitation to an event the day AFTER it had been held, and once the day before. Not really worth the monetary and environmental cost.	7/19/2017 11:51 PM
14	as above	7/19/2017 5:48 PM
15	Events are mostly talk fests that don't lead to real change in my experience. Bit tired of them. Carer support groups - used to have a really good one run by support workers but once the office took over lost interest.	7/17/2017 12:07 AM
16	You do an amazing job and the support and drive for carers is appreciated greatly	7/15/2017 10:02 AM
17	Need more	7/13/2017 10:52 AM
18	But sometimes cant find time to attend.	7/13/2017 7:44 AM
19	The single biggest and most important positive thing in my life as a carer has been the chance to form strong friendships with other carers. Through social media and carer catchup the old "Divide and treat us like mushrooms" DCP mentality is being stamped out. I well recall about 6 years ago hearing a FSA worker say " We don't want you talking to other carers, it only causes trouble." He was right of course it has caused them trouble and so it should.	7/12/2017 10:07 PM
20	You don't provide us with any of this in the limestone coast. Newsletters etc will never compete with face to face	7/12/2017 9:44 PM
21	Having some CFC-SA events in regional SA would be beneficial as many carers can't make it to the city, especially as the cost of accomodation is excessive these days, not to mention driving in the city can be difficult for those not used to it	7/12/2017 9:09 PM
22	Only if it is by choice not as compulsory	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
23	It is hard to get to events when I work full time.	7/12/2017 6:47 PM
24	Can't get involved with support groups as I am working	7/12/2017 6:25 PM
25	I cannot attend any support groups as i work	7/12/2017 5:36 PM
26	Huge YES	7/12/2017 5:17 PM
27	for regional areas too	7/12/2017 4:49 PM
28	I am finding that some carer forums are just a venue for carers to vent...and can become quite stressful	7/12/2017 3:56 PM

## Q58 INFORM

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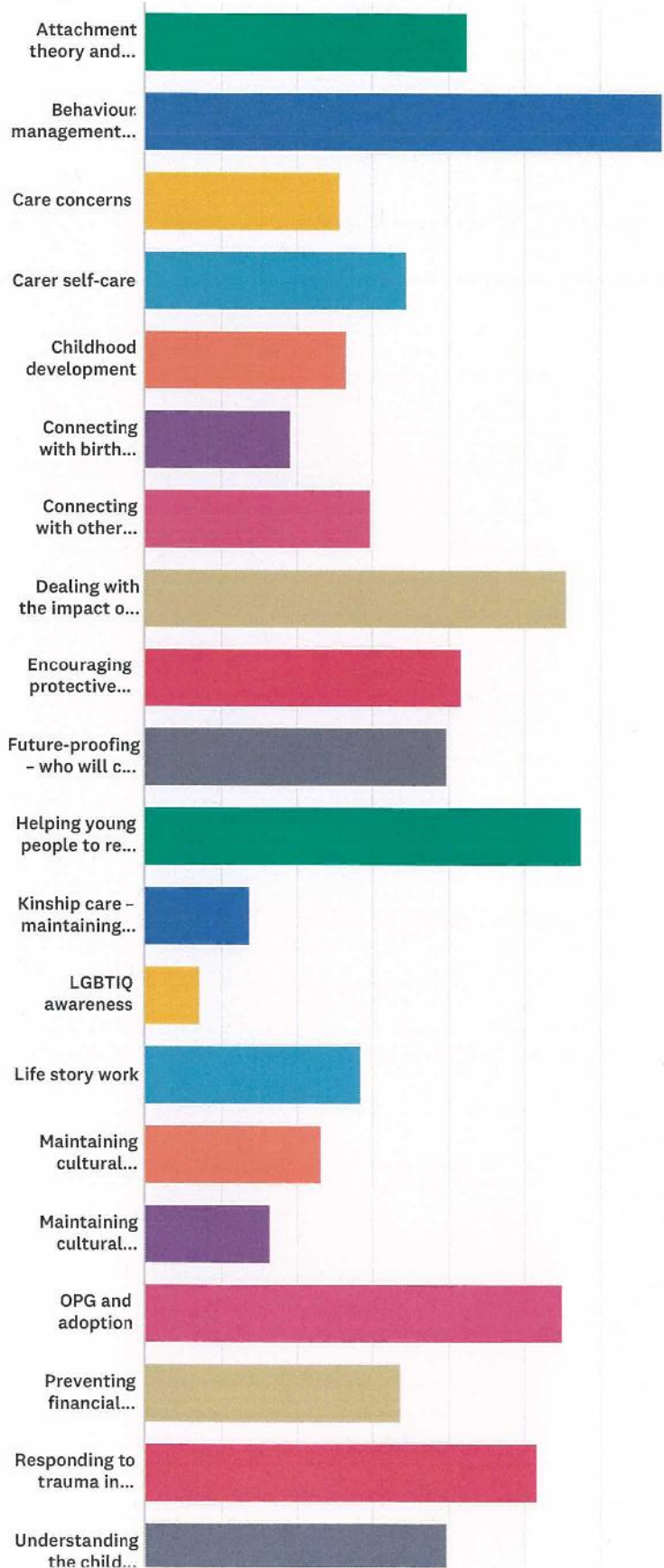


	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Raise awareness regarding foster and kinship care	68.83% 106	23.38% 36	6.49% 10	1.30% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	154	1.40
Advise Carers about changes and new initiatives	85.71% 132	12.99% 20	1.30% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	154	1.16
Provide access to resources, contacts and services	78.43% 120	18.30% 28	1.96% 3	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	153	1.24
Focus on specific areas of interest	52.94% 81	32.68% 50	11.11% 17	1.31% 2	0.00% 0	1.96% 3	153	1.60

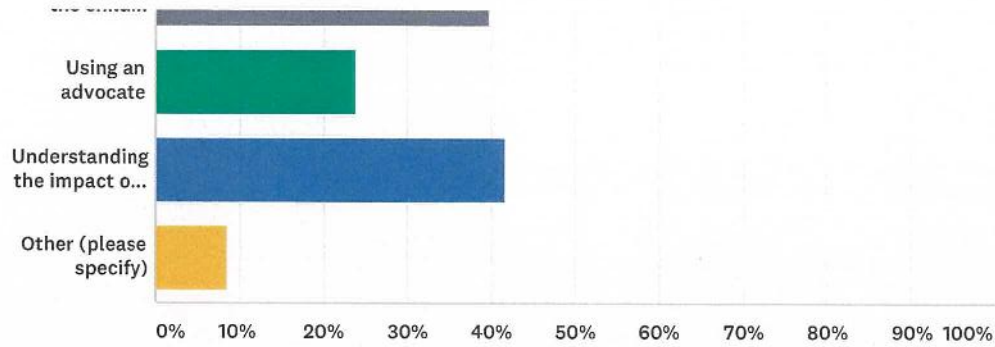
#	ANY COMMENTS?	DATE
1	No	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
2	N/a	7/27/2017 8:22 AM
3	I have very limited knowledge of what else is out there for me or my child	7/25/2017 6:04 AM
4	Nil	7/24/2017 1:50 PM
5	All needs to improve	7/21/2017 3:08 PM
6	Transition or not at 18	7/20/2017 4:53 PM
7	All these things are well intended but always let me down.	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
8	Training opportunities got challenging behaviours in young kids	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
9	?	7/12/2017 5:17 PM

**Q59 Training & Information - what topics are you interested to know more about in the next 12 months? (select as many as apply and add others if not listed):**

Answered: 151 Skipped: 95



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Attachment theory and practice	42.38% 64
Behaviour management (including managing challenging behaviours)	68.21% 103
Care concerns	25.83% 39
Carer self-care	34.44% 52
Childhood development	26.49% 40
Connecting with birth family	19.21% 29
Connecting with other Carers – peer support	29.80% 45
Dealing with the impact of trauma	55.63% 84
Encouraging protective behaviours	41.72% 63
Future-proofing – who will care if I can't	39.74% 60
Helping young people to reach their full potential	57.62% 87
Kinship care – maintaining family relationships	13.91% 21
LGBTIQ awareness	7.28% 11
Life story work	28.48% 43
Maintaining cultural identity and connection to family, community and country for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people	23.18% 35
Maintaining cultural identity and connection to community for culturally and linguistically diverse children and young people	16.56% 25
OPG and adoption	54.97% 83
Preventing financial distress	33.77% 51
Responding to trauma in children and young people	51.66% 78
Understanding the child protection system	39.74% 60
Using an advocate	23.84% 36
Understanding the impact of trauma	41.72% 63
Other (please specify)	8.61% 13
Total Respondents: 151	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
2	Pathway for children turning 18 and leaving the system	7/26/2017 9:34 PM
3	None	7/26/2017 4:08 PM
4	I would like to see other carer offer other carers support. I have access to so much information that makes my job so easy like charts and I could be offering this to so many in work shops.	7/25/2017 6:04 AM

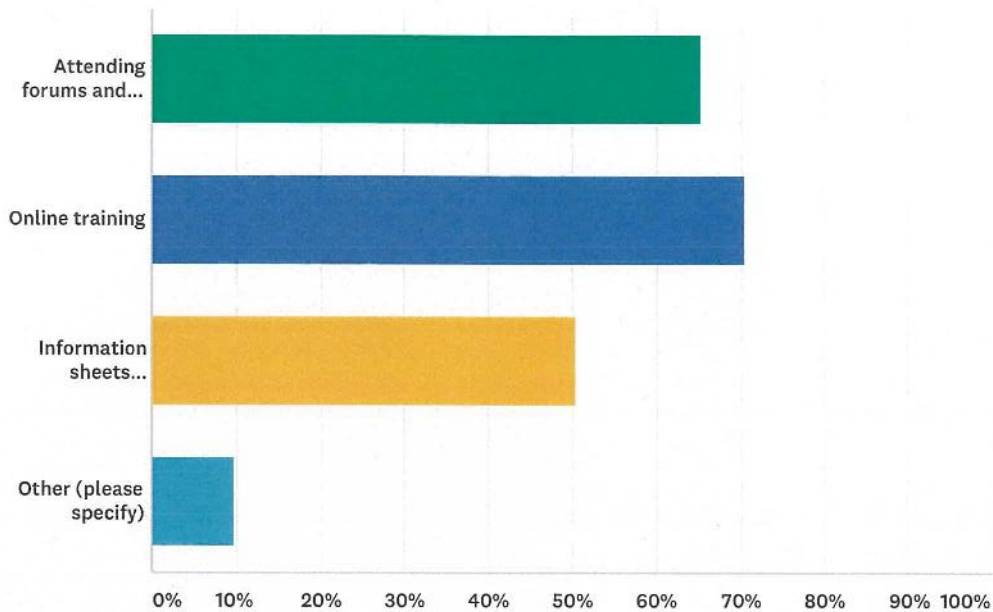
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5	coaching parents	7/24/2017 1:38 PM
6	Training in specific disabilities if child has them. Eg autism	7/21/2017 12:46 PM
7	Our agency only focuses on the post trauma child	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
8	I dont see these as cfc's role.	7/14/2017 8:46 PM
9	Cultural awareness	7/13/2017 10:52 AM
10	Reunification process and statistics	7/12/2017 9:33 PM
11	More staff traing.	7/12/2017 7:10 PM
12	Accessing NDIS	7/12/2017 6:08 PM
13	Transitioning to adulthood	7/12/2017 4:07 PM



## Q60 How would you like to access training and information?

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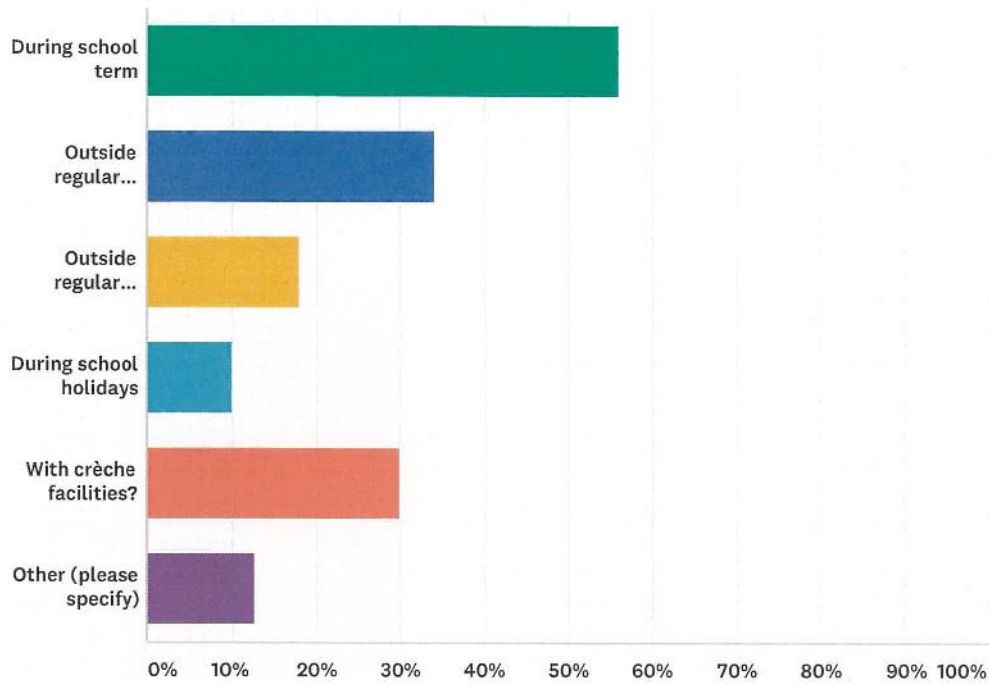
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attending forums and workshops in person	65.36%	100
Online training	70.59%	108
Information sheets available online	50.33%	77
Other (please specify)	9.80%	15
Total Respondents: 153		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
2	if at suitable hours or child minding available	7/27/2017 9:35 AM
3	Online I work full time so can't often go to training and if I do it needs to be on weekends and kid friendly	7/25/2017 6:04 AM
4	in home support practically based and in the moment	7/24/2017 1:38 PM
5	I don't actually want training, think I've heard of all in the last 5 years.	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
6	Would like to attend forums/workshops however I work full time and am single so makes it hard to attend.	7/18/2017 12:17 PM
7	it would be good to have more regional availability for forms / workshops etc	7/18/2017 11:20 AM
8	Biggest Challenge for me is to be able to get off the Island and will I get financial help to attend.	7/16/2017 4:47 PM
9	bearing in mind that most of us with children, have specialist appointments, part time schooling only, access visits, no child minding option or in employment so attending during the week is very hard. A Saturday or Sunday is easier for carers generally	7/13/2017 11:57 AM
10	Conferences	7/13/2017 10:52 AM
11	Not just in the city area either , rural area needs these as well.	7/12/2017 10:55 PM
12	Webinars	7/12/2017 10:13 PM
13	How to talk with children about their bio history, why they came into care, especially drugs, violence etc	7/12/2017 10:07 PM
14	Best through foster support agency	7/12/2017 7:23 PM



## Q61 When is the best time for you to attend training and information sessions?

Answered: 150 Skipped: 96



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
During school term	56.00% 84
Outside regular business hours – evenings	34.00% 51
Outside regular business hours – weekends	18.00% 27
During school holidays	10.00% 15
With crèche facilities?	30.00% 45
Other (please specify)	12.67% 19
Total Respondents: 150	

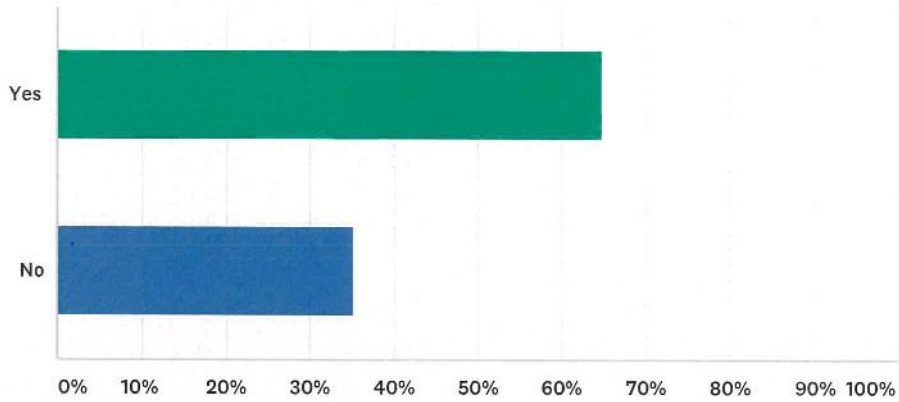
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Local regional sessions, during school term; metro based sessions, during school holidays.	7/28/2017 8:57 PM
2	No	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
3	As much as I would love to attend training and information session, being regional (3-hour drive from Adelaide) and working full-time, as well as caring for my children, it's just not practical for me	7/26/2017 3:06 PM
4	What a stupid question this one is. We are carers, caring for children.	7/20/2017 4:04 PM
5	online at home	7/20/2017 1:52 PM
6	various as shift worker	7/20/2017 1:29 PM
7	Online is preferable	7/20/2017 10:49 AM
8	Online is best because of attachment issues, can't leave child in a creche with strangers.	7/19/2017 11:51 PM
9	Not sure yet	7/19/2017 1:50 PM
10	varies	7/18/2017 11:20 AM
11	inside school hours	7/13/2017 5:09 PM

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12	Webinar	7/12/2017 10:13 PM
13	when they are in regional SA	7/12/2017 9:09 PM
14	Weekends	7/12/2017 6:47 PM
15	with such demands on our time because of child with high needs, it is difficult to have free time at this stage.	7/12/2017 6:25 PM
16	if I can arrange a rec leave or flex day in advance	7/12/2017 6:25 PM
17	we run a full time business and children are high needs, so would need child care during training, which is not currently available	7/12/2017 4:49 PM
18	As a respite provider to the same child for 12 years, I am not really interested in going to training sessions.	7/12/2017 4:46 PM
19	Any time if regionally available	7/12/2017 4:40 PM

## Q62 Are you a Member of CFC-SA?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 95



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.90%	98
No	35.10%	53
TOTAL		151

#	IF NO AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER, CLICK THROUGH TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO JOIN ONLINE TODAY (MEMBERSHIP IS FREE)	DATE
1	Yes	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
2	I think I am but who knows	7/25/2017 6:04 AM
3	not sure	7/19/2017 5:48 PM
4	I am not sure if we are	7/19/2017 1:50 PM
5	no creche provided	7/13/2017 2:46 PM
6	I think so. Not always clear	7/12/2017 4:16 PM

## Q63 Do you have any final comments or feedback?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 205

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep up the great work.	7/31/2017 9:47 AM
2	I just need someone to realise that carers have the right to be treated with honesty decency truthfulness and respect. That simply doesn't happen	7/28/2017 11:47 AM
3	None	7/27/2017 11:06 PM
4	No	7/27/2017 9:41 AM
5	I am really concerned about the future for foster children with so many in commercial care or put into independent living too early. The main reason is the lack of carers as so many us are getting disheartened with the system.	7/26/2017 9:34 PM
6	Thank you for doing this. Let's pray /plan for social change that sees PARENTS willing and able to love and care for their own children with kinship love and support , as it should be.	7/26/2017 12:42 PM
7	No	7/25/2017 12:36 PM
8	Question 19 and 20 were not great. I wrote how long kids had been with me but did not allow for writing so I wrote 2 2 1 and 2 but some were months and some were year short	7/25/2017 6:04 AM
9	Thank you for listening. I think there should be a section on finance.... we are older foster parents and we have taken on two young children... this will impact our lifestyle now and in the future. The foster carer payment is very limited and i understand why. I think we should be able to access funds every year - as your children grow they need different things e.g we need a bed for the youngest soon. I dislike going to FSA to ask for things... I have been asked last year if my request was due to financial hardship.. I was annoyed to say the least! we shouldn't have to go cap in hand to the boss. It should be part of the case plan!	7/24/2017 1:38 PM
10	communication between dcp and carers needs to be stronger we treat our foster child as we would our own and therefore every detail is of the utmost importance to us .	7/24/2017 11:54 AM
11	we need to use the carers we have. We have not had a child for over 3 months.	7/23/2017 4:59 PM
12	As carers we need to be trusted and respected more. We should be given an annual allowance of \$5000 to be spent on self care and the children. I would love to be able to pay my parents/sister to care for my foster children every time they help me out when I need to go to an appointment. I would love to be able to take the whole family on a Queensland holiday once a year so we can have a break and spend time together. As a carer to 6 children this will never be a reality for us as it is so expensive to travel, and so our children miss out and pay the price of us choosing to do foster care.	7/23/2017 4:06 PM
13	some questions are difficult to answer for multiple children as it is possible to have positive dealings with dcp for one child and terrible dealings with dcp for others. different workers. different offices. big differences	7/21/2017 8:41 PM
14	Internet Allowance should be paid to all carers dur to the amount of time sending emails, researching, training etc and the amount of time foster kids use it	7/21/2017 3:08 PM
15	Our children are so vulnerable, yet hey are expected to fend for themselves once 18. This needs to stop. The statistics speak for them self. Our natural born children are not leaving home at 18, but these traumatised young adults are expected too. So many carers would love to keep the children for a few more years but are not in the financial position to do so. It should not be the carers financial responsibility to do so. Most children nearing 18 are very aware and start to feel really insecure about their future. This shouldn't be aloud to happen. Please extend to 21, with the option for those comfortable to leave placement at 18 to be able to do so, but those needing extra care are protected. Thank you	7/20/2017 4:53 PM
16	The process has been very long and drawn out and we still don't have a child but Anglicare continually advertise about how desperate they are for families, it's rather concerning in my opinion	7/20/2017 1:52 PM
17	I didn't realise the survey would be so long. Please next time provide a time estimate. Kind thanks	7/19/2017 11:51 PM
18	Thank you!	7/19/2017 5:48 PM

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19	DCP workers need to treat carers with respect and consideration. Carers are voluntarily sacrificing a lot for the sake of a child, 24/7. DCP workers should always consult a carer when making a decision regarding a child, and the carer's opinion or suggestion should carry great weight as the carer knows the child the best. In one year we had 7 DCP workers for one child, some of who never even met our child. These workers should not be able to make decisions regarding a child they have never met. ***** DCP workers need to learn to ask of carers: "what do you need? What does your child need? What can I do for you?." And then act on it. Promptly. And see it through. So simple to do, and it would make a world of difference. It would show that the DCP cares about the children and the carers. ***** The DCP should not just be about theory and guidelines and manuals and best practice and text books, but also about heart, compassion and relationship, and understanding that they are dealing with people's lives, emotions and families. To the DCP worker this is ultimately a career or a paid job. To the child and the carer family, this is their LIFE. That is a BIG difference. Just because we don't get paid a salary or don't have a degree in Social Work does not make us any less important. We know these children better than anyone, love them like they are our own, laugh with them and cry for them, and when the DCP worker has moved on to a better job opportunity, we will still be there, loving, caring for and raising these beautiful children day after day because we are the ones who will ensure that they are not forgotten. So please, DCP, value your carers. Treat us with the respect and consideration we deserve.	7/19/2017 3:21 PM
20	No	7/19/2017 12:29 PM
21	Too much time and money is spent on commissions, surveys etc but too little time/money on executing the necessary changes	7/18/2017 3:31 PM
22	Thanks for your support	7/18/2017 12:17 PM
23	NO	7/15/2017 4:40 PM
24	Would you please be able to provide/forward information on contacting the Ombudsman? 1cookies@adam.com.au Happy to discuss the comments further in person if you would like. Trudy	7/15/2017 10:02 AM
25	well done and thank you	7/14/2017 4:27 PM
26	Thankyou for all the work you are all doing to help us carers.	7/13/2017 8:46 PM
27	I went back 3 pages to check my answers and ended up having to do them over again because the pages went blank, not happy.	7/13/2017 2:46 PM
28	No	7/13/2017 10:52 AM
29	Thank you for the work you are doing and your positive contribution to trying to being a positive change.	7/13/2017 8:49 AM
30	Looking forward to improvements!	7/12/2017 9:21 PM
31	No	7/12/2017 8:58 PM
32	Many other careers feel same way & some are concerned about repercussions from local DCP staff officers including supervisors	7/12/2017 8:25 PM
33	It will be interesting to see the outcome of information gleaned by this questionnaire. As I said previously, my situation is a little different from kinship and foster caring but also,has it's similarities.	7/12/2017 8:18 PM
34	Dcp need staff that once you have child can assist with initial set up i.e. Assist with set up of Centrelink payments and regular respite care	7/12/2017 7:39 PM
35	Just that it is horrible to be treated with disrespect, in regards to my qualifications and to see the attachment theory as well as the belonging and becoming theory not being practised on a regular basis with the children and their siblings if they have any.	7/12/2017 7:10 PM
36	I am tired.	7/12/2017 6:25 PM
37	Thanks and all the best	7/12/2017 5:17 PM
38	I would like to see long term carers have a financial tier system, based on how many years they stay in the foster care system with children in their care. The longer they are carers, the more the financial support. We are struggling financially, exhausted from caring and working without respite. if it wasn't for our Christian faith, we couldn't do the job	7/12/2017 4:49 PM
39	As a foster carer we love what we do it is very important to us that we all need to work together because we are talking about children's lives and how important family relationships are my agency is Centre care and it specialises in reunification please work to know this program and help these families get their children back home every child needs one thank you	7/12/2017 4:33 PM
40	More support on disorders and disabilities and directions to get help and support needed	7/12/2017 4:16 PM

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41	Thanks for the opportunity to respond. Your information is always more relevant than anything put out by DCP and Anglicare	7/12/2017 4:16 PM
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