

Carer Council Member: role description

The Carer Council will provide independent advice to the Minister for Child Protection on matters related to foster and kinship care in South Australia, and contribute to the design of policy, practice, and child protection legislation reform in relation to family based care.

The Carer Council is administered by the independent peak representative body for South Australian foster and kinship carers, Connecting Foster & Kinship Carers SA (CF&KC-SA). The Carer Council will provide valuable carer lived experience and seeks to amplify the voice of carers directly to the Minister for Child Protection.

The Carer Council is not an avenue for individual advocacy and dispute resolution.

Role title	Carer Council Member
Purpose of role	<p>The Carer Council Member is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act on behalf, and in the best interests, of the Carer Council and its members • Fairly represent the voices of foster and kinship carers across SA from a systems perspective • Set the Carer Council direction and goals including by participating in the strategic planning and review process • Thoroughly read Council papers prior to the Council meetings • Adhere to the Carer Council code of conduct, privacy and confidentiality policies and procedures • Disclose perceived and actual conflict of interests • Attend all Council meetings and be adequately prepared to participate fully and frankly in discussions and decisions • Work collaboratively with government and non-government partners and maintain confidentiality as required • Contribute to the design of policy, practice and legislative child protection reform in relation to foster and kinship care
Key responsibilities	<p>As a Carer Council Member you are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your abilities and experience fully from a systems perspective • Maintain strict privacy and confidentiality of all information discussed • Confidently understand and articulate the Carer Council strategy • Be aware and fully abide by the Carer Council Terms of Reference

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a current understanding of the Child Protection sector • Understand the legal and regulatory environment in which the Carer Council operates • Work collaboratively and respectfully with all other Council members • Comply with all privacy and confidentiality requirements • Where required, communicate with the Chair and Carer Council Project Lead between meetings • Obtain the CF&KC-SA CEO's authority before representing the organisation in any way • Be an effective, positive ambassador of the Carer Council • Advise the Chair as soon as possible if you are not able to continue your role as a Council member • Be responsible for the health and safety of yourself and others • Comply with the Carer Council policies and procedures
<p>Position requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a current, approved foster and/or kinship carer • Attend all required Carer Council meetings (<i>members will be remunerated by the NFP at levels consistent with the SA Government standard for Boards and Committee</i>) • Willing to travel to intra-state for Carer Council meetings (<i>regional Carers will be reimbursed for travel and accommodation</i>) • Current SAPOL issued National Police Check • Current Working With Children check • Access to phone, email and internet
<p>Training requirements</p>	<p>Organisation induction package including policies and procedures and a CF&KC-SA Carer Council non-disclosure agreement.</p>
<p>Position benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain a deeper understanding of Carer issues and improve their experience in the child protection system through a governance lens • Amplify the Carer voice to the Minister for Child Protection • Be part of systemic change

For further information regarding this position, please contact CF&KC-SA via email:
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