Queensland

Foster Carer Agreement

Disclosure Statement and Privacy Notice:

The Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (Child Safety) is collecting your personal information for the purpose of assessing your suitability to become or continue as a foster or kinship carer. As far as possible, we will collect this information directly from you.

Sometimes people will contact the department and share information about you. Child Safety will take reasonable steps to notify you when this occurs.

The collection of this information is authorised by the *Child Protection Act 1999* and the Child Protection Regulation 2023. Child Safety may disclose relevant personal information to agencies who hold information that is relevant to the assessment, including the Queensland Police Service, Department of Transport and Main Roads. In circumstances where an interstate or international child protection check is required, your personal information may be provided to the government agency responsible for child protection in other Australian States and Territories and to International Social Services Australia and the New Zealand Oranga Tamariki (Ministry of Children).

Personal information provided to Child Safety will be managed in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009.

Under the *Childrens Court Rules 2016* and the *Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016*, Child Safety is required to provide relevant information to the Director of Child Protection Litigation (DCPL) in relation to child protection proceedings, and the DCPL has a duty to disclose documents relevant to the proceedings to each other party. Therefore, any information provided to Child Safety that may be relevant to current or future court proceedings may be provided to the parties, including the parents. This may include the results of screening checks, and the assessment report in relation to your application.

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. More information about how we handle personal information is available on our <u>website</u> and in our <u>Privacy Policy</u>. The Privacy Policy contains information about how you can access personal information held by Child Safety and seek correction of that information if it is inaccurate, out of date, incomplete, irrelevant or misleading. The Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may complain about a breach of the Queensland Privacy Principles and how Child Safety will deal with the complaint.

The Foster Carer Agreement is an agreement negotiated between each applicant / carers' and Child Safety and/or Licensed Care Service. The Foster Carer Agreement should be negotiated during the initial approval assessment, renewal of approval and where the foster carer or Child Safety staff initiates a review.

1. This Agreement is between:		AND:			
Managing CSSC		Applicant/Carer 1 Name:			
Foster and kinship care service (if applicable)			Applicant/Carer 2 Name:		
2. A	greement phase:				
	Initial agreement (to be completed with initial assessment or prior to first placement)				
	Review of agreement (to be completed at the time of a carer's renewal of approval assessment)				
	Additional review (at key review points, e.g. SOCR/Harm report, Change in Carer Circumstances, upon request by carer)				
Reason for additional review:					



3. Placement Considerations:						
Gender:	Male 🗌	Female				
Age:	<1 🗌	2-4	8-10 🗌 11-	12 🗌 13-1	5 🗌 >1	6 🗌
Languag	Language / Culture					
Do you sp	Do you speak a language other than English?					
Is there a	Is there a particular culture you identify with?					
Is there an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community or language group you identify with?						
School C	atchment:					
	Schools that are in your local area. List schools:					
Immunisation: The Queensland Government supports immunisation of children in accordance with the National Immunisation Program Schedule.						
Are you willing and able to follow the current vaccination schedule for a child in your care – including your children? (Child Safety will fund all scheduled vaccination costs Yes No for children placed in your care)						
Have you had any immunisations as an adult?					☐ No	
If yes, please specify:						
Have you received a booster dose of the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine in the last 10 years?					☐ No	
Have all children in your care been immunised in line with the National Immunisation Program Schedule? Yes No					☐ No	
Placement restrictions may apply where carers and their families are not immunised e.g. babies may not be placed with unimmunised carer families due to the risk of serious complication to newborns from whooping cough.						
Provision of regulated care services from your home:						
Do you provide a family day care service from your home?					☐ No	
If yes, please provide details of:						
The number of children you provide care to						
The age of the children you provide care to						
Do you provide a stand-alone care service from your home?					☐ No	
If yes, please provide details of:						
	The number of children you provide care to					
The age of the children you provide care to						



Placement types you are willing to consider: (consider assessment information documented in Form 3A and 3B, and carer's training and experience)					
Sibling Groups (3 or more children)					
Complex Medical Support Needs	☐ Yes ☐ No				
Disabilities	☐ Yes ☐ No				
Specific Behaviours/Needs	☐ Yes ☐ No				
Same day placements	☐ Yes ☐ No				
After hours emergency placement	☐ Yes ☐ No				
Practical limitation (if any): e.g. disability access, multiple children under 4, bedroom sharing, car capacity, flexibility of carer work commitments, other regulated services provided from the home.					
4. Placement Capacity: What is care for?	the maximum number of ch	ildren/y	oung persons you are ab	le to provide	
Primary (emergency, short/long term)		Resp	ite		
5. Development and Support Plan – other than mandatory training					
Applicant/Carer 1: Areas of learning and development by/with the applicant/carer:					
Learning & Development Area	How will these be met?	Who	will assist the carer?	Timeframe	
Applicant/Carer 2: Areas of learn	ing and development by/with	the ap	oplicant/carer:		
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		_	will assist the carer?	Timeframe	
	How will these be met?	_		pre-approved	



6. Support Plan and Network:				
Are there other elements of support identified with, or needed by, the applicant/carer? (provide details of nature, frequency, responsible agency/care service)				
Are there any supports that individual members of the applicant/carers family need or require?				
7. Agreement between participants				
Applicant / Carer 1 Signature:		Date:		
Applicant / Carer 2 Signature:		Date:		
Agency staff name:		Date:		
Agency staff Signature:		Date:		
CSSC Manager name:		Date:		
CSSC Manger Signature:		Date:		



Support Options	Contact Details	Other Information (detail relevant local information)
Queensland Foster and Kinship Care Support Line	Telephone: 1300 729 309 Availability: Monday to Friday 5:00 pm – 11:30 pm Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am – 11:30 pm	
Queensland Foster and Kinship Care (QFKC)	Telephone: (07) 3256 6166 Email: FCQ – admin@qfkc.com.au Website: FCQ – www.qfkc.com.au	
Foster and/or Kinship Care Service	(please fill in contact details of local service supporting applicant/carer)	
Child Safety Service Centre (CSSC)	(please fill in contact details of local CSSC supporting applicant/carer)	