



CARER CONNECT

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SMILE EVERYDAY!

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PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE

Welcome everyone, to the September, 2020 issue 18 of Carer Connect. We acknowledge that Foster Caring is a very difficult and at time challenging role and we are constantly looking at developing new ways to offer support. Due to many discussions it was recognised that new carers and carers that may be dealing with children with difficult behaviours would benefit from Intensive support. Therefore, we have introduced a new role in to our program, an Intensive Family Support worker. Mary Elwin is the newly appointed worker and her role is to work closely with carers in the home, offering support and her many years of experience working with families and children. By offering an intensive support to carers we are hoping to achieve,

- Upskilling new carers with their first placement
- Prevent the breakdown of placements
- Offering support in the home at pressure point times and strategies and follow up coaching and mentoring
- Offer specialist support to deal with a particular behaviours of a child's
- Support the family to adjust to having extra children in the home

As Shared Family Care is the largest foster and kinship care agency within our region, Shared Family Care is committed to continuous improvement and providing the best quality support to both Foster and Kinship Carers. Please don't forget to complete and return your client and child surveys. As we all know the COVID-19 restrictions have made some things a little difficult this year. Child Protection Week always SFC gets involved and hold an event, the past two years was the "Shine a Light on Child Protection" campaign. SFC and our carers and children created lanterns and displayed these in the office and at Zambrero's. This year we really wanted to do a picnic in the park however, the limiting of 30 people gathering together, made this a bit hard to achieve. So we came up with another idea of having a picnic in the office and asking all our carers to have their own picnic and send us your photos. We want to develop a collage of all your wonderful photos. Get involved as we have a lots of prizes to give away, there is more information in the newsletter!

Thank you again for your continual commitment to providing children and young people, a safe and caring environment.

Judy Williams
Program Manager

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MEET THE TEAM

STAFF PROFILE

Hi, my name is Ainslee Tirendi, and I've worked at Shared Family Care for 2.5 years now. I came into this job from working in a Mental Health Residential Service as a Youth Worker and after doing that for a couple of years, I needed a change.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT SHARED FAMILY CARE?

My role at Shared Family Care is a Family Case Worker.

WHY DO YOU WORK IN THE SECTOR?

It's a long story but basically - I believe children and young people don't choose their circumstances, those are given to them and if the adults around them aren't safe and looking after them, then we have a responsibility to the kids to step in. Kids in care are one of society's most vulnerable populations and we have a duty of care to protect them.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF THE JOB?

Honestly it's seeing the commitment, care and love, carers put into these kids. I love seeing the photo's you all send through, of being a part of the journey and seeing the difference in the kids from when they were first placed with you to now. Seeing the commitment carers have for the kids reminds me that it's not all bad, there is some genuine good out there.

IF NOT THIS ONE, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU LOVE TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

Anything in Human Welfare, Human Services. I'd like to one day be a Social Worker in the Townsville Hospital.

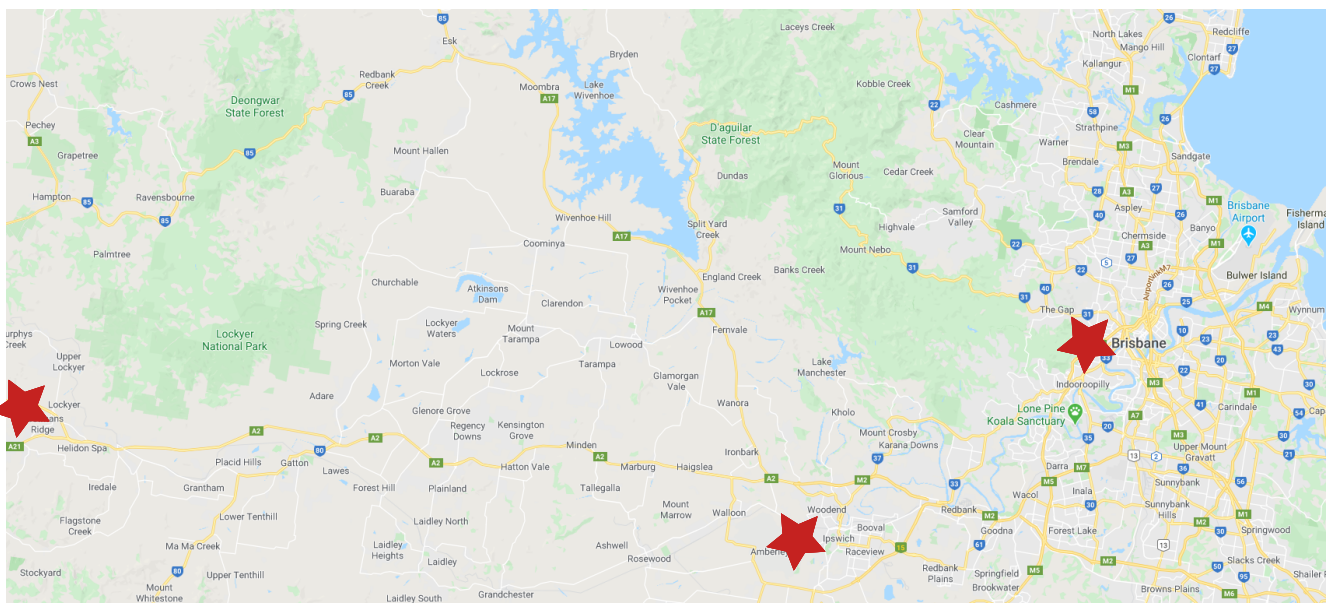
LEARNING LANGUAGE

Shared Family Care is going to make it a standing page in the Carer Connect Newsletter to have an indigenous Australian word and/or words and definition, as well as which tribe it originates from.

MOLUM

means **CHILD** in the
Yungara language.
Pronounced 'Mow-lum'

The **Yungara** language is spoken in the
Brisbane area, west to Ipswich and the
Lockyer Valley.



BILLABONG SANCTUARY

BILLABONG SANCTUARY IS OPEN!

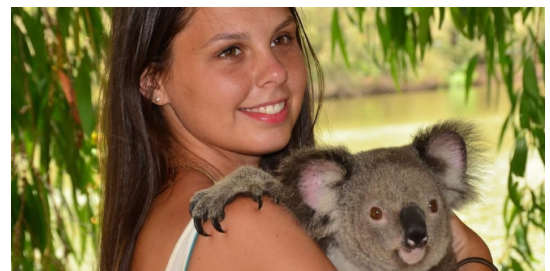
School Holidays are just around the corner and what better way to spend your holidays then feeding a Kangaroo, cuddling a Koala or watching the Crocodile's feeding.

Shared Family Care offer access to Billabong Sanctuary all year round for Carers, children in care and biological children.

Billabong Sanctuary have a range of activities for a family fun day, with food services available at Blinky Bill's licensed cafe, including hot and cold drinks, freshly made meals and deserts, gluten free options are available too or you are welcome to pack a picnic and use there free gas BBQ's on site.

Head over to their website to view opening and closing hours, show times and the facilities available. Please be aware of the COVID-19 restrictions that have been put in place to ensure all guests and staff members are kept safe, this can also be found on the Billabong Sanctuary website or contact their friendly staff on (07) 4778 8344.

Carers please take note, there is a height requirements for handling Koala's, for the safety of your children and the Koala's.



CARER CONNECT APP



Important update to Carer Connect!

In exciting news foster and kinship carers can now take photos of receipts and submit CRC requests for reimbursement directly to your local CSSC through the CarerConnect App.

Carers using the App will have noticed a new 'CRC Reimbursement' tab has been available since February and is there to help you submit CRC applications.

The App is available to all carers. Carers not already using the App can register via <https://carerconnect.communities.qld.gov.au/#/login-or-register>

For carers with frequent CRC, using the App can be a real time saver.

Changes to CRC Delegations!

At the same time as improving the App, the Department has also introduced new financial delegations for Business Officers and Senior Business Officers to support quicker processing of CRC reimbursement under \$250.

These changes have been developed as a direct result of carer feedback through Partners in Care forums and should see real time improvements for carer reimbursements.

Blue Cards – No Card, No Start Law

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS

New Legislation changes will come into effect from the 31st August 2020 for Blue Cards No Card, No Start laws.

These changes have been made as a result of the 2017 Queensland Family and Child Commission's report – *Keeping Queensland's children more than safe: Review of the blue card system*. Although the report showed that the Queensland Working with Children Check system is one of the strongest in Australia, there is opportunity to provide a more streamlined and stronger system.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES?

No Card, No Start law identifies that people cannot work with children or young people until their Blue Card application has been approved. These new rules ensure that employees will be bound by the same rules as those for volunteers and business applicants.

Expiring Cards Rule has changed, this means that people can continue to work with children and young people if they lodge their renewal application before their current blue card expires. If their blue card expires before they lodge their renewal application they will be subject to the No Card, No Start law.

Expiry date for exemption cards – Queensland police and teachers will need to renew their blue cards prior to their expiry if they still require their blue card for work purposes.

Changes to police information – No Card, No Start law incorporates a more streamlined process for applicants to advise Blue Card Services of any changes to their police information.

Stricter rules for restricted persons ensures people who are considered to be a restricted person cannot access an exception to screening by virtue of being a volunteer.

CHANGES FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS

Do I need to child safety to sign my blue card application or renewal application

No. Child Safety are no longer responsible for verifying identification (ID) for a blue card application.

When applying for a blue card applicants will be required to verify their ID through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The verification process can occur either through the Blue Card online application portal or in person at TMR.

Child Safety is also no longer required to advise blue card applicants of the disqualified person rule, this will be the responsibility of the applicant when they complete their application.

I cannot access the online portal, can I still submit a paper based application?

Yes. Blue Card Services will continue to accept paper based applications. If you need to apply for your blue card via the paper based system, you are still required to follow the new No Card, No Start law and processes. If you do not have a form of photo ID with TMR, for example a driver's licence, you will need to attend TMR to prove your identity and obtain a photo and Customer Reference Number (CRN).

What role does Child Safety play in my Blue Card application?

To apply for a Blue Card as a volunteer (free of charge), you will require an online account number which will be supplied to you once you verify your identity through TMR. You must supply this online account number to Child safety as a part of your carer application form (APA) to ensure you are linked to Child Safety.

Once linked, Blue Card services will notify you and you will be able to begin your Blue Card application free of charge.

I am being considered for provisional approval (PAC), do I need a blue card?

No. Child Safety Central Screening Unit (CSU) will continue to conduct all required checks for provisional approval applicants, including personal, child protection and criminal histories.

However, once provisionally approved, you will need to have obtained a blue card before your provisional approval expires.

My blue card is due to expire, is there a time limit to lodge a renewal application?

You must complete your renewal application before your current blue card expires. A renewal application can be submitted by a carer any time prior to their current blue card expiring. Your current blue card will remain valid once you have submitted your renewal application, meaning you can continue your caring role while your renewal application is being processed.

If you are renewing an existing blue card for the first time under the new No Card No Start laws and you do not have a form of photo ID with TMR, for example a driver's licence, you will need to attend TMR or you will need to contact Blue Card Services directly.

I have a new adult household member (AHM) planning to live in our home. Does the person need to have a blue card before they can move in?

No. As long as you have correctly informed Child Safety of the change in circumstances and completed the 'Change in Carer Circumstances' form. The new AHM will need to complete the 'New Adult Household Member' form and begin the blue card application process.

Just like carers, an adult household member will need to complete the verification of ID process with TMR in order to provide their online account number to CSU to be linked to Child Safety as a volunteer.

CSU will complete the required checks such as personal, child protection and criminal history. An adult household member can remain in the carer household if CSU deem them suitable while blue card services complete their application.

My blue card has expired and I haven't yet lodged a renewal application, what happens now?

If your blue card expires before you lodge a renewal application, you will be subject to the No Card No Start laws.

Any children placed in your care will require a new care arrangement until you receive your new blue card approval.

A renewal application cannot be lodged after your current blue card has expired. A new blue card application will need to be completed starting with the verification of ID process.

A young person in my household will be turning 18 in a few months and will remain living in my household. When can they apply for their Blue Card?

A young person is able to apply for a blue card from 17 years and 9 months of age.

The young person will need to follow the No Card No Start blue card process, beginning with the verification of ID through TMR.

If no response has been received from Blue Card Services regarding the young person's application and their 18th birthday is approaching, please ensure immediate follow up with Blue Card Services occurs to ensure continuity of care for the young person.

If a young person turns 18 and Blue Card Services have not advised of an outcome of their blue card application, the new AHM process will need to be followed, pending follow up with Blue Card Services.

For further information regarding Blue Cards No Card No Start associated processes please refer to the [Blue Card Services Website](#).

Link to the [online applicant portal](#)

Link to the No Card No Start [forms](#)

Link to [Blue Card applications](#) information

FOSTER CARE ALLOWANCES

Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

Fortnightly Caring Allowance rates schedule

Effective: 1 January 2020



FOSTER CARE ALLOWANCES		2019 Rate		2020 Rate	
Start-up allowance: Age 0-18			\$106.29		\$108.50
Establishment Payments: All Ages			\$531.36		\$541.66
	Daily Rate	Fortnightly	Daily Rate	Fortnightly	
Caring Allowance: Age 0-5	\$35.24	\$493.36	\$35.91	\$502.74	
Caring Allowance: Age 6-10	\$37.96	\$531.44	\$38.69	\$541.66	
Caring Allowance: Age 11 & over	\$41.26	\$577.64	\$42.05	\$588.70	
Regional Remote Loading: Age 0-5	\$3.53	\$49.42	\$3.60	\$50.40	
Regional Remote Loading: Age 6-10	\$3.80	\$53.20	\$3.88	\$54.32	
Regional Remote Loading: Age 11 & over	\$4.13	\$57.82	\$4.21	\$58.94	
HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS ALLOWANCES - Age 0-18					
High Support Needs Allowance	\$12.39	\$173.46	\$12.63	\$176.82	
COMPLEX SUPPORT NEEDS ALLOWANCES - Age 0-18					
Complex Support Needs Allowance 1	\$16.05	\$224.70	\$16.36	\$229.04	
Complex Support Needs Allowance 2	\$32.09	\$449.26	\$32.70	\$457.80	
Complex Support Needs Allowance 3	\$48.14	\$673.96	\$49.06	\$686.84	

CAREGIVER TIP #3

Shared Family Care are going to make it a standing page in the Carer Connect Newsletter to have a Caregiver Tip.

"My words of wisdom to anyone thinking about becoming a foster parent, is to go all in. You will never regret the investment of time, love and compassion you have sown into the life of a child."

By Sarah Dumas

♥ my family ♥



Queensland Foster and Kinship Care

Become a FAST rep

FAST is a team of trained specialist local Foster and Kinship Carers who volunteer to provide advice, support and advocate on behalf of other Foster and Kinship Carers. FAST representatives are attached to one of seven regions across Queensland and have the capacity to provide advice, support and advocate to all carers in their regions. FAST representatives can also provide face to face supports to carer within proximity or tele link into meetings where needed. They provide a local avenue for Foster and Kinship Carers to receive advice, support and/or advocacy on individual matters.

Any carer is able to approach QFKC to become a FAST representative. A carer must fill out an application with a 'selection criteria' and a 'position description'. Once the application is received, QFKC seeks feedback from key stakeholders in the relevant region. An interview panel then takes place with the applicant to explore applicant's views on the role, what they hope to offer and other relevant areas. The applicant is then invited to attend two days of Induction training and then a final recommendation is made considering all of this information to QFKC's Executive Director.

Our Vision - Leave no child in foster care behind.

Our Mission - Represent, Advocate, Inform, Support and Excel.

Our goal - To contribute to the development of an inclusive, responsive and fair foster care system.

To learn more about becoming a FAST representative, carer, events that are happening, news and/or training, **visit www.qfkc.com.au**

To speak to someone over the phone, call **(07) 4779 9513**



Health Assessments

For children in Out-of-Home Care

Attention
carers

Why Health Assessments?

Evidence suggests that children in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) are more likely to have poorer physical, mental, and developmental health than their peers. Only three per cent of young people in OOHC are reported to be without health problems.

In accordance with elements of the *National Clinical Assessment Framework for Children and Young People in Out-of-Home Care* (OOHC), the Department of Child Safety Youth and Women (DCSYW) funded a state-wide strategy for PHNs to develop a project to improve health outcomes for children in OOHC.

Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) have engaged with stakeholders throughout Townsville to develop a localised Health Pathway for children in OOHC and are currently trialling children through the pathway.

While the project is still in its infancy stages, DCSYW are identifying children suitable for the trial. Eventually all children coming into care and being placed on orders (and those already in care) will partake in the health screens.

Carer involvement in the project:

- Identify GP/practice of preference or one that is familiar with the process
- schedule an appointment and attend the preliminary assessment with the child, taking authority to care and any other helpful information to the visit
- schedule an appointment and attend the oral health assessment with the child, taking authority to care and any other helpful information to the visit
- schedule an appointment and attend the comprehensive assessment with the child
- schedule an appointment and attend any specialist referrals with the child, taking authority to care and any other helpful information to the visits.

Within 30 days of a child entering care

An appointment is made with GP for preliminary health check and screening.

Within 90 days of a child entering care

The child returns to the GP for a comprehensive health check. A health Management Plan is completed. Referrals are made to specialist services, if required.

Health reports

Child Safety receive all medical information and reports resulting from assessments and screening throughout the process. This information is stored on the child's file for safe keeping and presented to the child on transitioning from care. No identifying information is shared with NQPHN.

Information and reports

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RESOURCES

Don't forget about these fantastic resources. If you're interested please ask your Case Worker and you will get the chance to borrow these resources.

Title: Brain Development for Babies (DVD)

Authors: Nathan Wallis

Information about the human brain has exploded in the last 20 years - we have learnt more than in the previous 300 years! The bad news is that the advice your well-meaning family gives you is largely unaware of any of this.

In

fact in some cases, the advice they give has now been proven by science to be completely wrong. Nathan Wallis is a New Zealand University Lecturer in Human Development who has built up an international reputation as a lively,

humorous and engaging speaker on brain development. This easy to follow introduction allows the parent to separate the myths from the research and describes in a nutshell the stuff parents really want to know - what they can do to help their baby's brain reach full potential. As well as teaching neuroscience, Nathan is a father, step father and foster parents which gives him the insight to be able to apply this knowledge to everyday life.

Title: The Teenage Brain (DVD)

Author: Nathan Wallis

13-19 years. The teenage years can be some of the most rewarding and memorable times we spend with our children, and also some of the hardest parenting we ever do! Many of us think that today's youth are more self-obsessed, defiant and unmotivated than ever before, but a quick look at history tells us this is not new! Plato wrote in the 1st century b.c that teenagers.....now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in the place of exercise. They are now tyrants.....They contradict their parents and tyrannize their teachers. In fact, these are inscriptions on the pyramids from 6000 years ago that say the same thing! Brain scans have given us insight into why this is and the radical changes the brain goes through in the teenage years. Understanding these changes and how to best work with them can help us to make those years a much more pleasurable experience! Nathan Wallis gives a straight forward and easy to follow explanation of these changes, with practical and grounded advice on how to navigate our way through the often turbulent, teenage years.



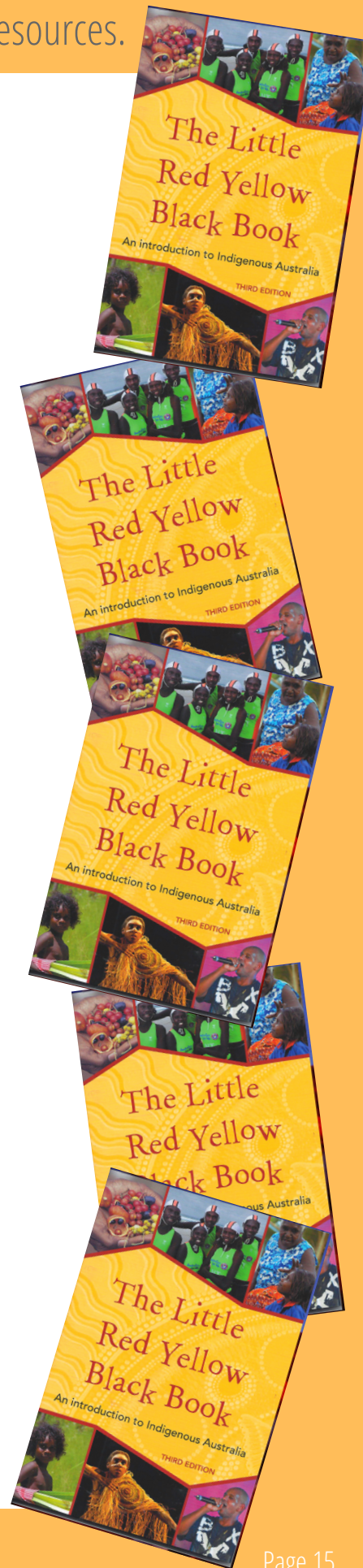
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This updated edition of The Little Red Yellow Black Book is an authoritative introduction to indigenous Australia. Featuring real-life case studies and covering history, culture, arts, sports, languages, population, health, education and the workforce, governance, resistance, and reconciliation. Written in a first-person, Indigenous voice from an Indigenous perspective, the book offers something for everyone: from sport to educations, arts and theatre to governance, history to Indigenous tour operators, native title to health, and much more.



Older and newer editions can be purchased online or your local book store.



Higher Level Skills

What is the Higher Level Skills program?

The Higher Level Skills program aims to assist individuals to gain the higher-level skills required to secure employment or career advancement in a priority industry, or to transition to university to further their studies.

Are you eligible to participate?

This program is open to any Queensland resident aged 15 years or over, who is no longer at school and is an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or Australian permanent resident (including humanitarian entrants), or a temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency.

Prospective students must not have or be enrolled in a certificate IV or higher-level qualification, not including qualifications completed at school and foundations skills training.

How can you participate in the program?

You can only access the Higher Level Skills program subsidy once, so it is important that you take the time to carefully consider your training options and compare different providers and their fees before committing to a course of study.

The Queensland Skills Gateway displays the courses available under the Higher Level Skills program and provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to and the training providers approved to deliver them — visit www.training.qld.gov.au/skillsgateway.

For some subsidised courses under the program, the industry and training package requires you to be an existing worker in the industry to be eligible to enrol. These restrictions and/or exemptions are detailed in the [Queensland Training Subsidies List](#).

For helpful information on choosing a training provider, read the [training consumer tips](#) on the Department of Education and Training's (DET's) Training website.

As a condition of your enrolment, you will be required to complete a student training and employment survey within three months of finishing or discontinuing your training.

What level of subsidy is available?

The subsidy represents the level of government contribution for a qualification, and varies between qualifications based on a number of factors.

The investment priority or importance of the training influences the size of the government subsidy.

Training in vocational areas that align with critical industry skills needs and government priorities will receive a higher government subsidy.

A higher subsidy will also be paid to support participation by disadvantaged learners (concessional students). More information on concessional student status is detailed in the Higher Level Skills program policy at www.training.qld.gov.au/higherlevelsills.

Do I need to contribute to the cost of training?

Given the increased benefits that you can gain from higher-level training, you are required to contribute to the cost of your training through a co-contribution fee, payable to the training provider.

The fee amount varies depending upon the course you undertake and the training provider you choose.

The fee may be paid on your behalf by an employer or another third party but cannot be paid or waived by the training provider or any organisation related to the training provider unless approved by DET.

Accessing VET Student Loans

You may be eligible to access the VET Student Loans program to cover all or part of your co-contribution fee when accessing subsidised training for a diploma or advanced diploma qualification.

In order to access the VET Student Loans program, you will need to ensure the training provider you enrol with is approved under the VET Student Loans program. VET Student Loans approved training providers can help to organise the loan. For more information on the VET Student Loans program, visit [VET Student Loans](#).

More information

For more information on the Higher Level Skills program, including eligibility requirements, subsidy information and program related documents, visit www.training.qld.gov.au/higherlevelskills.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

ROUND 3 - APPLICATION CLOSE 7 OCTOBER 2020

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET
IF YOU ARE WANTING TO REGISTER FOR FAIRPLAY VOUCHERS
APPLICATION CLOSE 7 OCTOBER 2020**

Round 3 of the Fair Play vouchers have now opened. Carers, parents or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards sports and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees. To find out the registered activity providers, terms and conditions and more information go to:

www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funing/fairplay/apply

Before applying you need to check if your child is eligible, you can apply if your child;

- is a Queensland resident, aged from 5 to 17 years (inclusive) at the time of application
- has not received a Fair Play voucher this year
- holds, or whose parent, carer or guardian holds, a valid Department of Human Services Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it.

If your child is eligible, you will need to create a QGrants account to apply and if your application is successful, your voucher will appear and a copy will be send to your email address (Please note: you may need to check your junk mail).

We're a
FairPlay
activity provider



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2020



Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we are unfortunately unable to celebrate National Child Protection Week together, so Shared Family Care would like to invite everyone to join us and have your own picnic with your families.

Set up a picnic in your backyard, local park or anywhere you have enough space to practice social distancing. Then take a picture of your family at this picnic and send it to your case worker, where we will create a collage of all photo's sent in to hang in the Shared Family Care office.

Please note, all photo's sent in will not be shared publicly and will not identify any participant (adult/child) photographed. We're excited to see you and your families celebrating Child Protection Week, so get busy and get planning- you've got a picnic to organise!

But that's not all, we are also holding competitions for our children to participate in where they will have the chance to win some amazing prizes! A booklet has been sent to your individual emails and is also attached to the following email, outlining the competitions and how you could have a chance to win big!

CARER AND CHILDREN SURVEY'S

Hi all Carers,

2020 Foster and Kinship Carer Satisfaction Survey's will be coming out soon. You will receive an email from your Case Worker with the link to complete the survey. Note, if you aren't able to find the email please check your spam and/or junk box.

Children surveys will also be coming, these are a paper copy so you will receive it from your Case Worker. Please ensure you get your children to complete these surveys, you're welcome to help. Surveys have been divided into 0-12 years and 13-18 years.

Remember, we are continuously working on improving our service so ask that you respond to the survey questions honestly in order to help us improve where required. Shared Family Care will also ensure that your responses are kept confidential.

HAVE

YOUR

SAY



Yes

No



PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

Steps to take to prepare for a disaster

1. **Know the hazards present in your area** - Remove all objects that will cause debris, secure larger items and be aware of located power poles.
2. **Review your insurance policies** - Confirm you have enough cover against ALL disasters.
3. **Prepare a disaster plan** - You should start off with somewhere safe to go. Talk to your family about what might happen in the event of a disaster and what to do if there's an emergency and you're unable to return.
4. **Have a communication plan** - Consider that you and your family may not be together when a disaster strikes, children might be at school, yourself working, etc. How will you get to a safe place? How will you contact one another? How will you get back together? Who will collect the children from school? You will be better prepared with less stress, if you think ahead and communicate.
5. **Have an evacuation plan** - In some cases you do not have a lot of time, if you need to evacuate. Plan how to evacuate your home quickly and make sure everyone knows the evacuation plan. Make sure everyone has a list of emergency contact numbers.
6. **Community connections** - Community connections are important, Make sure you know your neighbors, keep an eye on elder, disabled, or people with children - they might need extra help.
7. **Regular check** - Make sure to regularly check safety devices in your home, such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.
8. **Emergency contacts and information** - Speak to your local authorities and emergency services. Tune into the radio and learn about the emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations for emergency shelters. A list of helpful websites will be provided to this issue.

**Please stay safe and have a plan.
If an emergency, please dial 000**

INSTALLATION OF SMOKE ALARM

INFORMATION FROM THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

The Queensland Government - Through the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (CSYW), and The Department of Housing and Public Works (HPW), The Queensland Government are working together to supply and install smoke alarms into residence that are owned by eligible carers and are being used to provide care for children and young people in care arrangements.

From 1 January 2017, changes were made to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 to make Queensland households safest in Australia i relation to fire safety. The 10-year phased roll-out of interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms. This legislation requires all residential dwellings to have interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms installed in every bedroom, in connecting hallways and on each story.

What carers need to:

1. Complete the online questionnaire.
2. Attach a scanned copy of the front page of their council rates notice.
3. Attach a scanned copy of their carer certificate of approval.
4. Then submit the completed questionnaire with the above attachments.

All information can be found at the following:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/community/caring-child/foster-kinship-care/information-for-carers/money-matters/smoke-alarm-installation-project>



DATES FOR 2020

Public Holidays

New Year's Day - Wednesday, 1 January
Australia Day - Monday, 27 January
Good Friday - Friday, 10 April
Easter Saturday - Saturday, 11 April
Easter Sunday - Sunday, 12 April
Easter Monday - Monday, 13 April
ANZAC Day - Saturday, 25 April
Labour Day - Monday, 4 May
Queen's Birthday - Monday, 5 October
Christmas Day - Friday, 25 December
Boxing Day - Saturday, 26 December
Boxing Day Holiday - Monday, 28 December

School Holidays

Term 1 Holidays - Saturday, 4 April 2020 to Sunday, 19 April 2020
Term 2 Holidays - Saturday, 27 June 2020 to Sunday, 12 July 2020
Term 3 Holidays - Saturday, 19 September 2020 to Monday, 5 October 2020
Term 4 Holidays - Saturday, 12 December 2020 to Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Significant Dates

National Apology day - Thursday, 13 February
National Close the Gap Day - Tuesday, 17 March
Harmony Day - Saturday, 21 March
Playgroup Week - March
National Pyjama Day - Friday, 17 April
Foster and Kinship Week - April
Mother's Day - Sunday, 10 May
National Families Week - Friday, 15 May to Thursday, 21 May
National Sorry Day - Tuesday, 26 May
National Reconciliation Week - Wednesday, 27 May to Wednesday, 3 June
Torres Strait Islander flag launched, 1992 - Friday, 29 May
MABO Day - Wednesday, 3 June
'The coming of the light' anniversary, 1871 - Wednesday, 1 July
Laura Dance Festival - Friday, 3 July - Sunday, 5 July
NAIDOC Week - Sunday, 5 July
Aboriginal flag first flown, 1971 - Sunday, 12 July
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day - Tuesday, 4 August
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - Sunday, 9 August
International Youth Day - Wednesday, 12 August
Indigenous Literacy Day - Wednesday, 2 September
Anniversary of the UN Declaration of the rights of Indigenous People 2007 - Sunday, 13 September
Palm Island Spring Festival - Friday, 4 September
Father's Day - Sunday, 6 September
R U OK Day - Thursday, 10 September
National Child Protection Week - Sunday, 6 September to Saturday, 12 September
National Children's Week - Saturday, 24 October to Sunday, 1 November
Uluru is returned to traditional owners, 1985 - Monday, 26 October
Remembrance Day - Wednesday, 11 November
Human Rights Day - Thursday, 10 December

KIDS CORNER

MAKE YOUR OWN - WATERMELON

WHAT YOU NEED

- Paper plates
- Pink paint
- Green paint
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Cotton swab



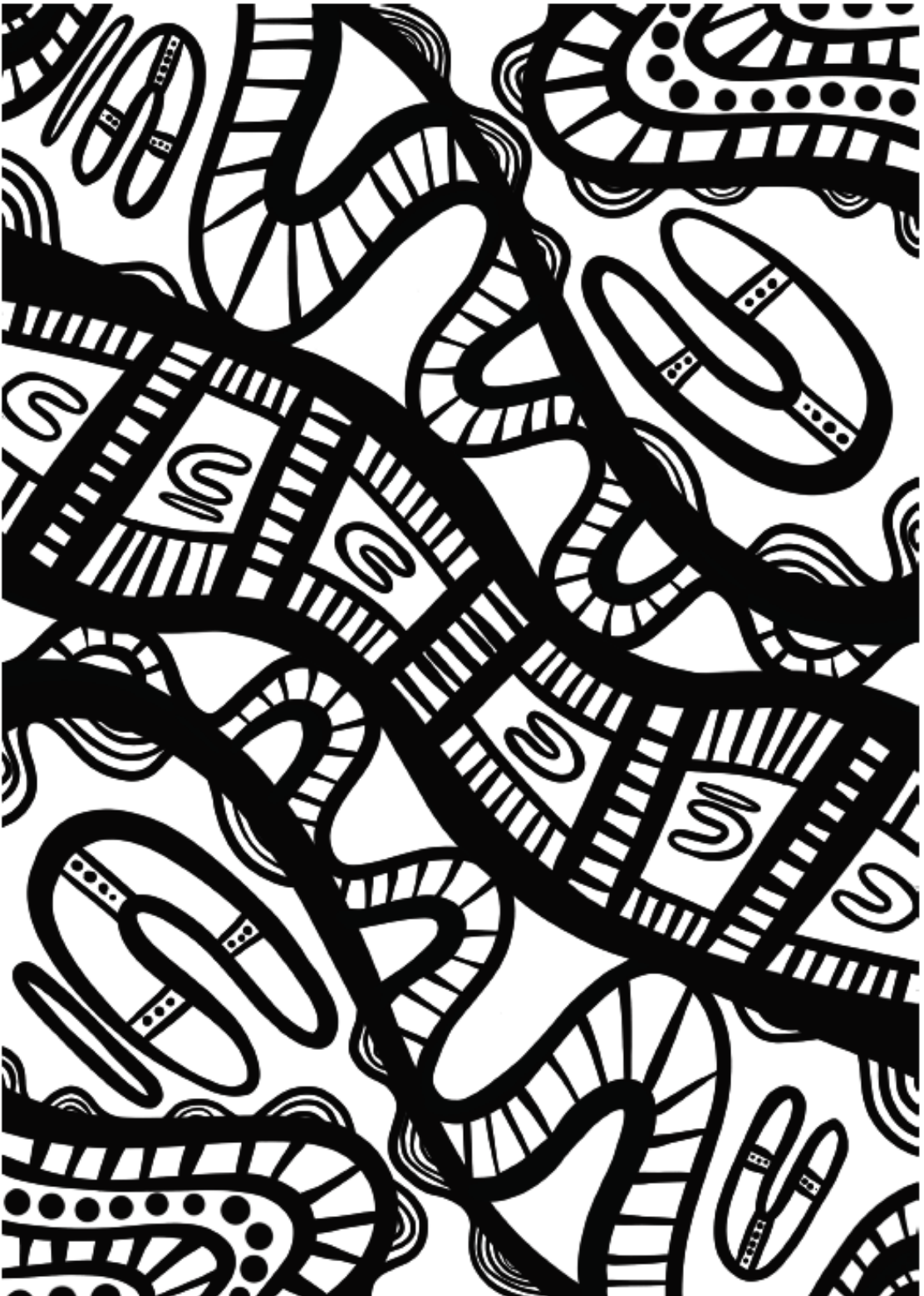
LETS BEGIN

1. Start painting the center of the paper plate with the pink paint.
2. Next, paint the rim of the paper plate with the green paint.
3. Allow the paint to completely dry.
4. Once the paint has dried, use a cotton swab dipped in black paint to create the seeds.
5. Allow the paint to completely dry.
6. Once the paint has dried, fold the paper plate in half and cut along the fold (Remember to ask an adult for help).

You can also make more fruit, like an apple using red and black paint or a Kiwifruit using green, brown and black paint.

Don't forget to take your fruit to your picnic and send a photo to your Family Case Worker, we would love to see all the fruit's you can make!





Putting Children First

Elders, family, services and community supporting our kids each step of the way. Showing leadership and guidance so that the path is never broken and remains strong and healthy.



Luke Duffy
Kalkadoon Digital Artist

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6-12 September 2020

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Queensland Rail

Shared Family Care would like to say a massive thank you to the team at Queensland Rail for the bikes they have kindly donated for our Foster Children.



Kate's Campaign for change

Kate has made toiletry bags and filled them with personal hygiene items for children of all ages, who are coming into care.