

Who is FSG Australia and what is our philosophy and vision?

FSG Australia is a not-for-profit community organisation, passionately committed at all levels to innovation in human service delivery. We are proactive, respectful and secular in our approach to making a positive difference for people whose lives are affected by disability, mental illness, age-related frailty, dementia, child safety issues and caring roles.

OUR COMMITMENT is to ensure that FSG Australia Centres/Projects are well resourced and supported, and share common core values and principles. Our further commitment is to ensure that all services are delivered within a strong quality and continuous improvement framework.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES affirm and reflect the general principles set out in the legislation under which we operate.

OUR APPROACH is to respect self-determination and take the stance that every human being is capable of growth and change. Even in the very adverse conditions experienced by some people, we believe that the core values of unconditional positive regard, empathetic understanding and congruence must drive intervention strategies.



LIKE TO KNOW MORE?
We'd love to hear from you!

Please call the **KAIA Foster Parent Program**
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or via email at kaia@fsg.org.au
to receive an information pack or to discuss
upcoming information sessions.



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Providing a child with a loving, caring home is a satisfying and rewarding role that truly makes a positive difference!

Every Family Matters! Every Family Matters! Every Family



FSG Australia (FSGA) is a community agency working in partnership with the Queensland Department of Communities – Child Safety Services and foster parents to provide children and young people, under 18 years of age, with a safe, nurturing and caring home.



Foster Parenting with FSG Australia

FSGA offers opportunities for caring individuals and families to become foster parents. Providing a stable and loving home to a child in need can be a rewarding experience.

Your individual foster parent commitment is negotiated with you during the recruitment process and tailored to your family needs and lifestyle. It can be for a very short term (up to 28 days) or longer term (one year and over). Foster parents can also provide planned respite (weekends or short stays during the week), to expand a young person's stable support network.



love

FSGA foster parents open their homes and hearts to provide love, stability and security.

- » Children in care are unable to live with their birth parents for a variety of reasons.
- » Like all children, those coming into our program are individuals - so no one description fits all.
- » Some have complex needs related to their experiences and/or a disability.
- » Experience has shown us that in a loving, positive environment, children can thrive beyond initial expectations and the level of needs and complexity can diminish over time.

The most rewarding experience is to see a child overcome fears and gain self esteem. You can see their perceptions of the world shift, based on their new experiences. When this happens, it makes it all worthwhile. – Naomi

Foster care allows us the privilege to add positives to a child's life, that can see them reach their full potential, to achieve and become all that they can be. – Christina and Craig

Stability

FSG Australia provides the initial and ongoing professional training and support needed so that foster parents can confidently care for and meet the individual needs of foster children.

Foster parents receive an allowance which is a reimbursement towards the direct care costs for each child in their care. The allowance covers items such as food, clothing, household provisions, gifts, pocket money, entertainment, school/childcare expenses etc. The allowance is not considered a 'payment' for fostering and it is not a source of taxable income.



The FIRST STEP

Becoming a foster parent is a serious decision for your family. It is a commitment that will have an impact and present many challenges and changes in your life. For this reason, we recommend that you discuss this decision as a family, involving your partner, children, close friends and any other significant people in your life.