



Can you offer a child or young person a secure & loving home - if yes, have you thought about becoming a Foster Carer?

Make his wishes come true...

You need a commitment to children, a willingness to undertake training & assessment & the eagerness to give it a go.
Gender or marital status is irrelevant.

Care Options:

- . Emergency / Overnight
- . Planned Respite
- . Short term
- . Long term

Carer Supports:

- . Regular contact & home visits from your case worker
- . Ongoing support & training
- . 24 Hour On Call Service
- . Financial re-imburement

Open Door Information Session

Wednesday 27th November

Call in any time between
4.00 - 6.30pm

Upper Murray Family Care
36 Mackay Street, Wangaratta



Call Jill or Jeanine
For More
Information

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Common Myths and Facts about Foster Care

Myth: I don't have any children, and to be a foster carer you need to be a parent.

Fact: Not true! Many of our foster carers are childless.

Myth: Foster carers have to stay at home with the children and I work full-time. I guess that excludes me.

Fact: No, it doesn't. You can discuss with Upper Murray Family Care how you can be a carer and still work.

Myth: Once I take in a foster child, I'm on my own without any help.

Fact: Upper Murray Family Care provides 24 hour support for all their foster carers.

Myth: You have to be wealthy to be a foster carer, and you need to own a home.

Fact: Foster carers do not have to be wealthy at all! Upper Murray Family Care has carers with diverse income sources and you don't need to own your own home.

Myth: You must be married to be a foster carer.

Fact: Carers can be single (with or without children), couples (including same sex), families and can come from all walks of life.

Myth: Once you have a child placed with you – you have them forever.

Fact: Children can be in care for differing lengths of time from a few days or long term. The aim of Foster Care is to reunify children with their families.

If you would like to discuss these Myths and Facts further or if you would like information on becoming a foster carer call Jill or Jeanine from the Foster Care Program at Upper Murray Family Care on 03 5720 0000