

Permanent Care Program

Information for prospective permanent carers

Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing who require a family for life as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

Prospective permanent carers must attend a three-day training course. Our next training dates will be held on March 3rd, 10th and 17th 2021.

For further information regarding [Permanent Care](#) please visit our webpage

<<https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/permanent-care>>.

Please contact the program to discuss your interest via [email](mailto:melanie.matthews@dhhs.vic.gov.au) <melanie.matthews@dhhs.vic.gov.au> or phone: (03) 5832 1552.

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