

Become a Berry Street Foster Carer

Support a local child



About Berry Street

- Berry Street exists to ensure all children have a safe and secure home. We believe that children, young people, and families should be safe, thriving, and hopeful.
- As one of Australia's largest independent family service organisations, this belief is the heartbeat of our organisation.
- We work tirelessly to help children, young people and families who have experienced the impacts of family violence, abuse, and neglect to heal, with hope for the future.
- We advocate for policies that keep families safe and secure, and happy and healthy, allowing children and young people to reach their full potential while remaining engaged with their culture and communities.
- With your time and care, you can encourage and empower a child or young person who has experienced trauma to grow, develop and feel safe.



Foster Care

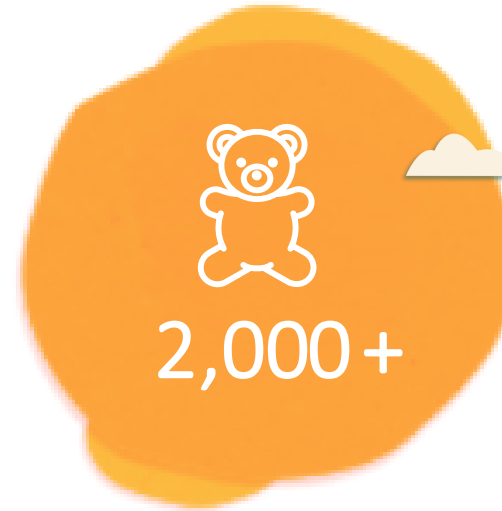
Foster care is the temporary care of a child or young person within a safe and nurturing home environment during a time when they can't live safely at home. It can be for a few days, a few weeks, one weekend a month or for much longer.

Wherever possible, the goal of foster care is to reunify children with their birth families, providing this is in the best interests of the child.

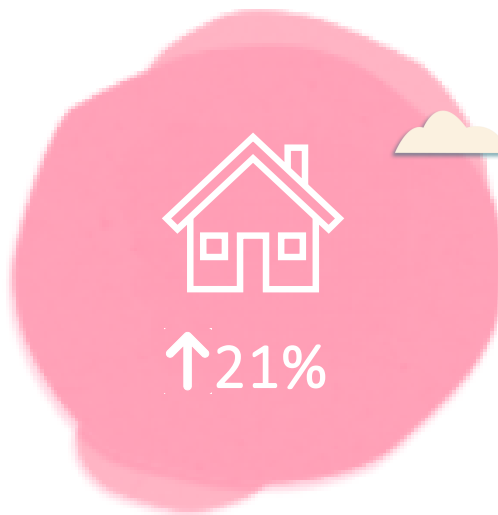




1 in 32 Australian children need Child Protection services.



More than a quarter of Victorian children in care are under five years old – that's over 2,000 children.



The number of children in care in Victoria has increased by 21% in the last four years.



Each year, more than 11,000 Victorian children cannot live safely at home.



We need your help!

As of June 2023, the number of foster care enquiries across the sector reached its lowest point in the last 20 years.

In 2022, the number of carers who ceased caring increased by 22% from the previous year. The number of newly accredited carers decreased by 18% from the previous year.

We urgently need more Victorian fosters carers to support children and young people in need.

Our aim is to get as many people to help spread the word about foster care as possible.

We are looking for as many *kindhearted community members* as we can to provide care and support for children and young people who are unable to live with their families.





Get Social

Help us raise awareness of the need for more foster carers by sharing our fabulous foster care tiles and materials on your socials.

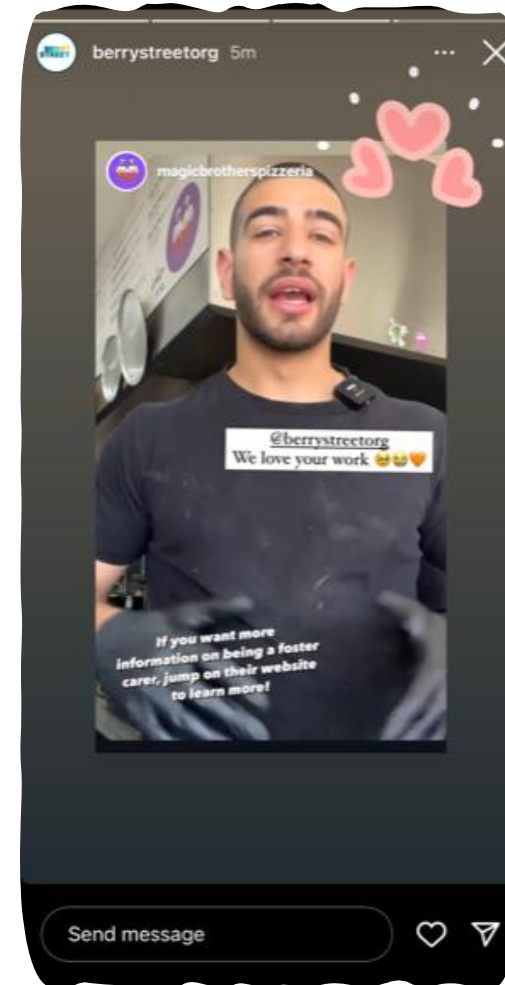
You can also send through any photos of our collateral used in your business so we can share this with our community. Be sure to let us know and tag us if you post, so we can re-share and post our appreciation and support on our pages!

Instagram: @berrystreetorg

Facebook: @berrystreet1877

LinkedIn: @berry-street

*be sure to use our hashtags **#DareToCare** and **#BerryStreetFosterCare**.



2

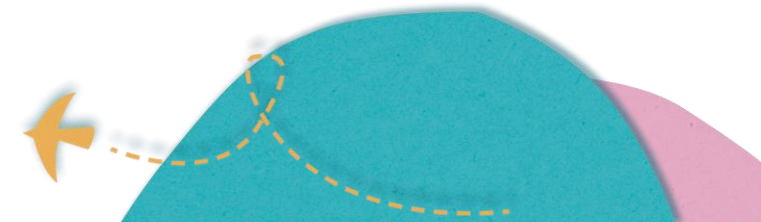
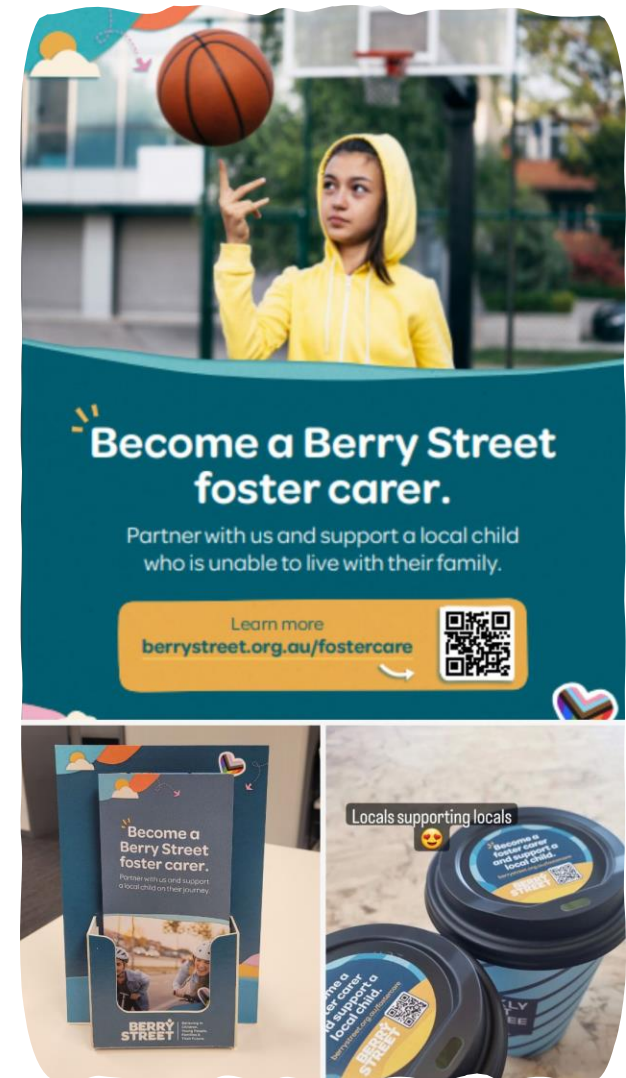
Spread the Word

You might be asking how you can help us get the word out? Great question!

Do you have a newsletter, intranet page or all-staff email where we could share information or promote foster care?

Do you have some wall space where you could hang our posters?

What about some space at your counter for a sticker or a pamphlet display?





MARSHALLWHITE COMMUNITY



Berry Street needs more foster carers – just like you!

In our community, some children are not always able to live with their family.

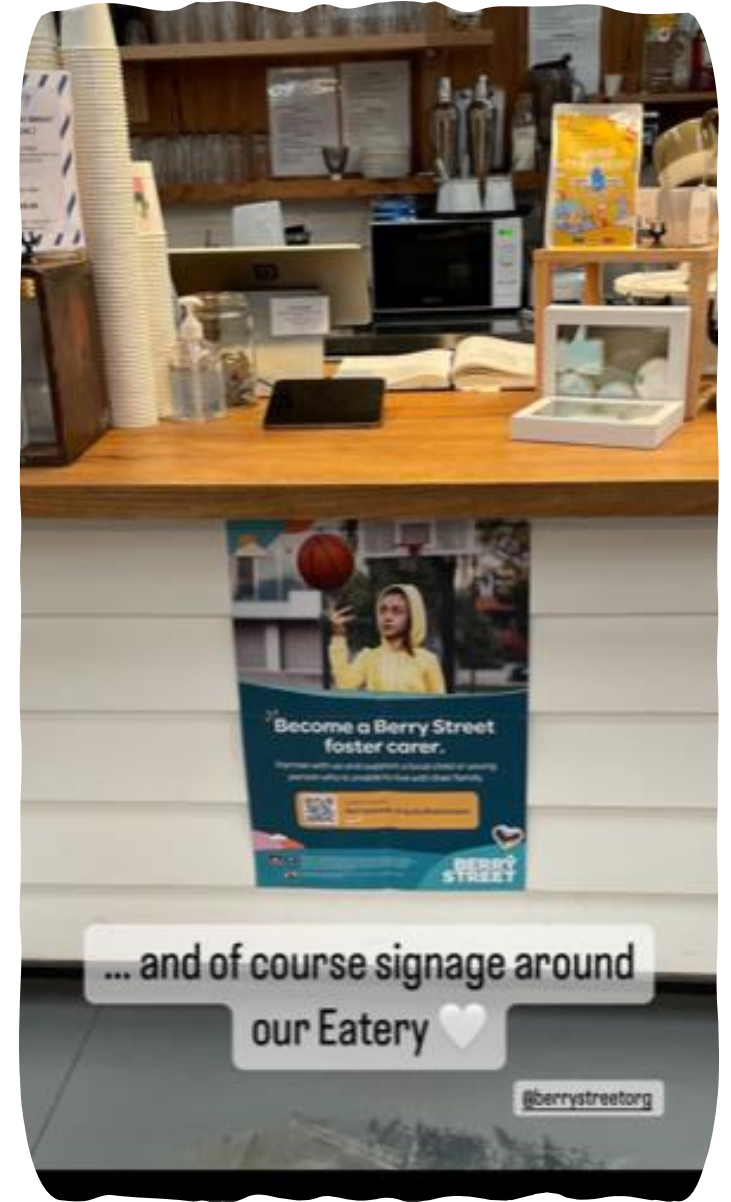
Become a Berry Street foster carer and support a local child to grow and thrive.

Enquire today
berrystreet.org.au/fostercare
Ph. 1800 816 037



BERRY STREET

Would you like to promote an upcoming community event?
Contact community@marshallwhite.com.au



3

Invite us to share with your teams

We'd love to come and speak more about foster care with your staff and share the incredible impact foster carers have on the lives of children and young people.

You could host a morning tea, invite us to one of your events or include foster care on the agenda for your next team meeting.





Is there something we're not thinking of?

We know every business is unique.

We'd love to explore more creative ways to connect with and reach our local community to increase awareness of foster care.

Billboards, real-estate boards... you name it, let's get creative together!



Let's chat!

Contact us to learn more about partnering with Berry Street to recruit local foster carers in your community.

Janene Ingram

Team Leader | Recruitment, Assessment and Training |
Home Based Care | Berry Street | Hume Region

Email: humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au

Web www.berrystreet.org.au/fostercare

