



# Become a Berry Street foster carer

Partner with us and support a local child on their journey.

**Childhood is a journey, but not every child starts in the same place.**

In our local community there are many children and young people who need a safe place to live.

As a Berry Street foster carer, you'll be a part of a team that is committed to supporting children who are unable to live with their family.

And by providing them with a safe and nurturing home – you'll be there for them at a crucial moment in their life.



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## Who can be a foster carer?

There is no 'typical' Berry Street foster carer. Just as every family is different, our foster carers come from diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

Our foster carers:

- are a minimum of 21 years of age
- have a spare bedroom to offer a child or young person
- can be single, married or in a de facto relationship
- can be from LGBTIQ+ communities
- can come from any religion, spirituality or nationality
- may or may not have children of their own
- can be in casual, part-time or full-time work – or perhaps not at all
- live in a home they rent or own

Berry Street foster carers have a passion for supporting others and are committed to providing a safe home for children and young people who need it.

The care and support they provide connects them to something bigger than themselves.

## What are the types of care?

Our team will work with you to find the type of foster care that suits you and your family. It could be long-term care, just for a short time, or on an occasional basis.

## What support do foster carers receive?



### Financial assistance

Foster carers receive a fortnightly caregiver reimbursement.



### Tailored support

Expert support along the way from our friendly and approachable team.



### Continuous growth

Ongoing training and development opportunities.



### Connected community

Networking events and celebrations to recognise, thank and connect our carers.

## Why partner with Berry Street?

For **over 145 years**, we've been supporting children and young people – at whatever point in their journey that they need help.

Our **trauma-informed approach** supports children and young people to recover from trauma and go on to lead healthy, happy lives.

Join our team as a Berry Street foster carer and **walk alongside a child or young person who has experienced trauma.**

Together, we'll encourage and empower them to grow, develop and feel safe.

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[berrystreet.org.au/fostercare](http://berrystreet.org.au/fostercare)



Berry Street acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands, skies and waterways across Australia. We recognise that we operate on stolen land and that sovereignty was never ceded. We are committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in our care to connect to their cultures, countries and communities.



Berry Street is committed to the principles of social justice. We support the LGBTIQ+ community and celebrate diversity.

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