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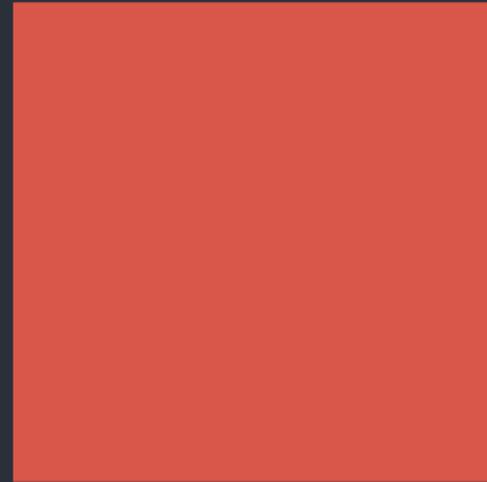
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About the Foster and Kinship Carer

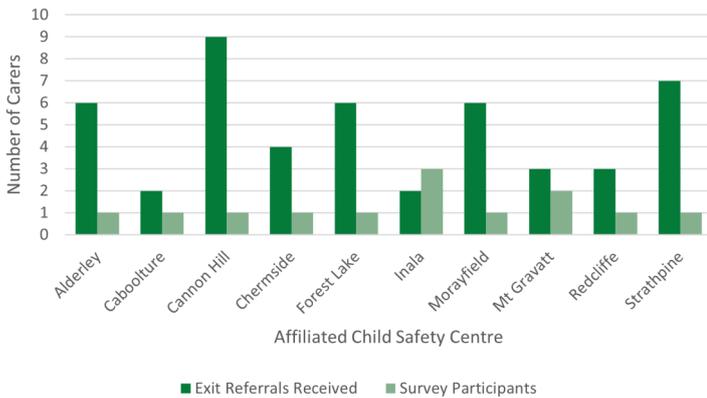
Queensland Foster and Kinship Care received 154 exit referral forms within the financial year of 2022-2023 for the Brisbane and Moreton Region— 48 foster carers and 106 kinship carers. From this sample, 41 (27%) individuals participated in the Carer Exit Survey - 13 foster carers and 28 kinship carers within the Brisbane and Moreton Region.

Participation rates differed between the two carer types, as 27% of the foster carer referrals received participated in the Carer Exit Survey and 26% of kinship carers. Results show from the graph below;

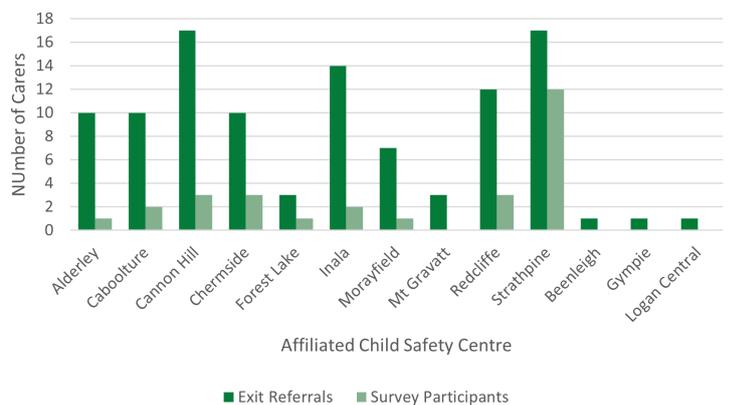
- 67% of foster carers who have exited from the Mt Gravatt Child Safety Service Centre participated in the survey (3 referrals, 2 participants respectively)
- 71% of kinship carer who have exited from Strathpine Child Safety Service Centre participated in the survey (17 referrals, 12 participants respectively)

Please note referrals received by agencies provided information of other Child Safety Service Centres that are located in other regions, however, stated the carer was within the Brisbane and Moreton Region. There are times carers are situated in one region and affiliated with a Child Safety Service Centre in a different region—QFKC have noticed this pattern more amongst the kinship care population than foster carers.

Foster Carers Referrals & Participants



Kinship Carers Referrals & Participants

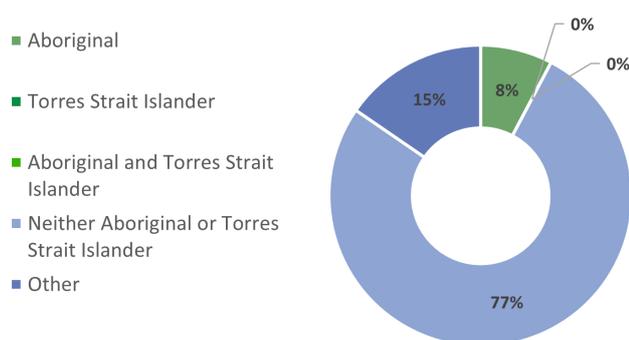


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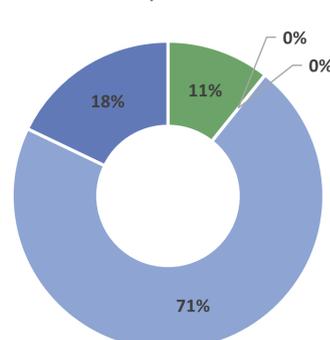
From the 41 participants within the survey, 10% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and 90% identified as neither and/or other. The below graph provides a breakdown on the ethnicity of the participants and carer status.

Majority of participants within the Brisbane and Moreton Region, 77% foster carers and 71% kinship carers respectively, are neither Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Foster Carers



Kinship Carers



About the Role of a Foster and Kinship Carer

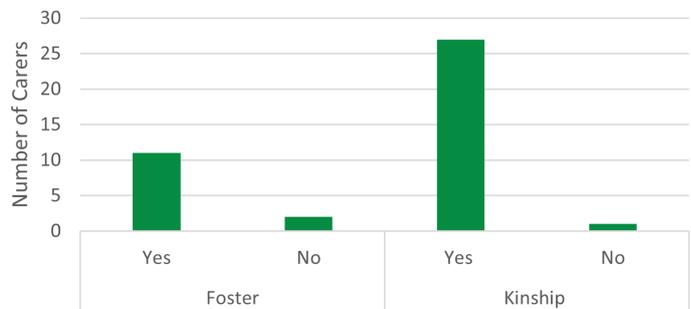
In this section, carer’s were provided questions to elaborate on their role as a foster/kinship carer, what were their motivations in entering in this role, the duration of being a carer and the number of children placed in their care during their time.

Foster and Kinship Care Service

Foster and Kinship Care Services, also known as agencies, provide the day-to-day support for carers and children in care. Within the Brisbane and Moreton Region, QFKC is aware of 11 different agency organisations across the region supporting foster and kinship carers.

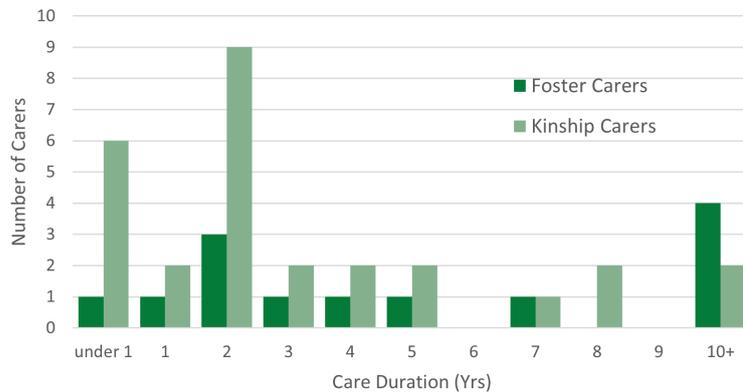
Participants provided insight to their Foster and Kinship Care Service (agency) affiliation and provided a response—refer to the graph. 15% (2 foster carers) stated they had no affiliation with an agency with another 4% (1 kinship carer) of kinship carers not having an agency attached to them.

Affiliation with a Foster and Kinship Care Service



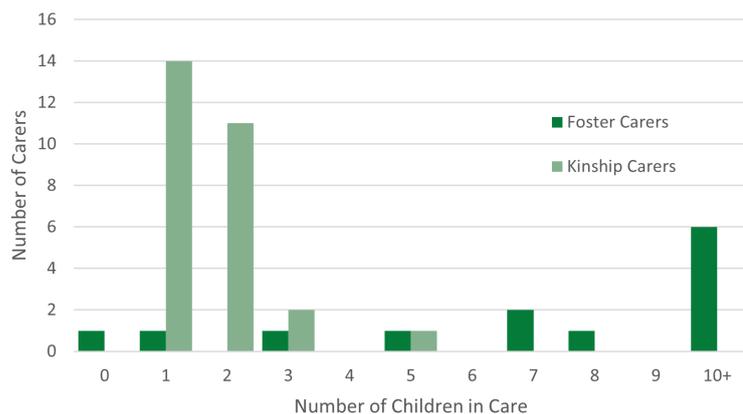
Carer Duration

Foster and kinship carers opted out at varies times during their carer role, this may be due to reunification, placement breakdown and many more reasons. From the Carer Exit Survey, 31% of foster carer participants left their role at 10 or more years. Whereas 32% of kinship carers left their role at around 2 years into caring. Further breakdown of the data received is in the chart below.



Child/ren in Care

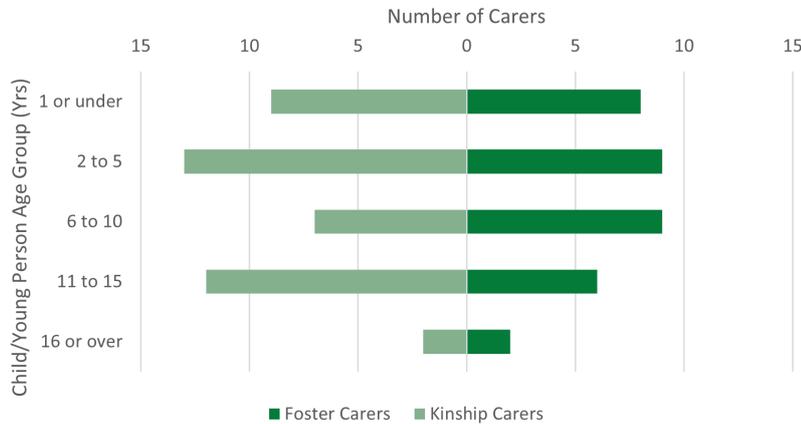
Foster and kinship carers were given an opportunity to provide an overview on how many children were placed during their caring time. Survey results show 46% of Brisbane and Moreton region foster participants had over 10 or more children in their care, followed by 15% having 7 in their care. Whereas 50% of kinship carers had only 1 child in their care followed by 39% of kin having 2 children.



Age Group of Children in Care

Many carers across Queensland care for children for many years and experience various developmental stages of a child’s life. Participants within this survey were able to provide indication of the child/ren’s ages who they have cared for in their carer role.

The below graph provides an overview on the age group foster and kinship carers cared for during their time. *Please note that many carers have taken care of children for a long period of time and were able to select more than one age group to reflect this.*



In the above graph, foster carers provided more care for children between the ages of 2 to 10 years, while kinship carers had a high fluctuation for the ages of 2 to 5 years and 11 to 15 years of age. Both carer types had a low rate for caring a young person from the ages of 16 or over, approximately 2 foster/kinship carers provided such care for this age group during their time.

Initial Reason to Care

The Carer Exit Survey asked carers their initial motivations to become a carer. Carers are drawn to being humanitarians by volunteering provide and create a safe, stable, and supportive environment for children in care. In the graphs below, foster and kinship carers were able to select more than one answer as to why they became a carer in the first place.

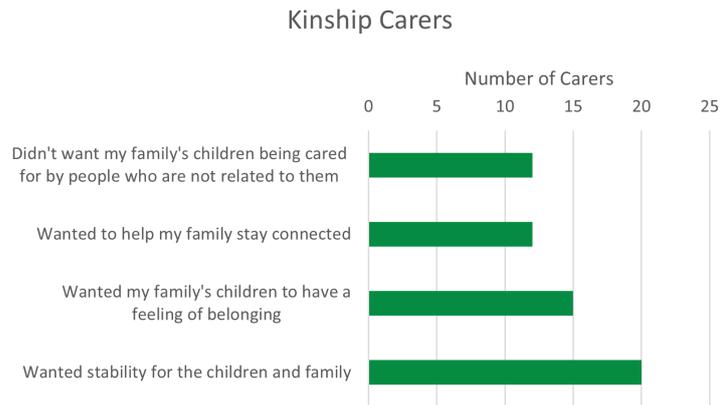
Foster Carers



85% of foster carers in Brisbane & Moreton had the desire to help children in need, with 23% either knew the child in care or knew someone in their social network that were foster carers. Furthermore;

- 8% of carers wanted to start a family,
- 8% had partners who wanted to care,
- 8% saw fostering as an alternative option to adoption and,
- 8% always wanted a larger family.

Kinship Carers



Kinship care participants provided insight as to what made them initially become a carer:

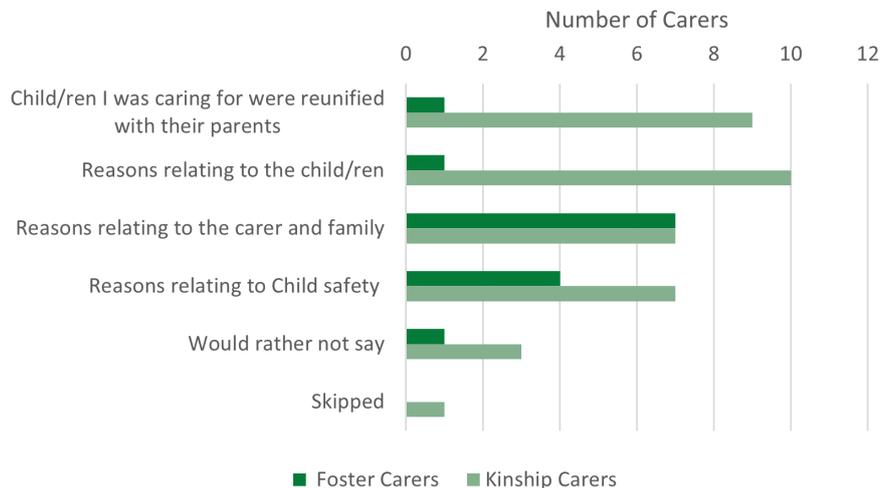
- 71% stated they wanted stability for the children and family,
- 54% wanted their family’s children to have a feeling of belonging,
- 43% did not want the children to be cared for by someone unrelated to them or wanted to help the family stay connected.

Reasons for Discontinuing

In this section, carers were given the opportunity to expand on the reasons of cessation of their carer status and elaboration on the contributing factors in making this decision.

Main Reason to Discontinue

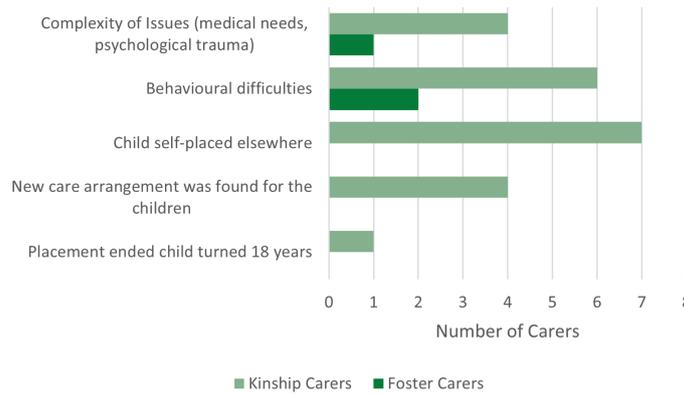
Participants were asked the reasoning for leaving their foster/kinship care role. 54% of foster participants left their role due to reasons relating to the carer and their family. However, in comparison to kinship carers, 36% have left their role because of reasons relating to the child or children in their care. The below graph provides the participants main reasons for discontinuation.



Carers were able to expand on this if they wish to provide greater insight as to the reasoning behind their decision. The following graphs in the next page provides an overview of the carer’s responses based on child-related reasons and family-related reasons. Some graphs are not provided as there were limited responses associated with the survey question, and therefore are provided in percentages. Kinship carers were given a set of different options within the survey due to the nature of their carer role.

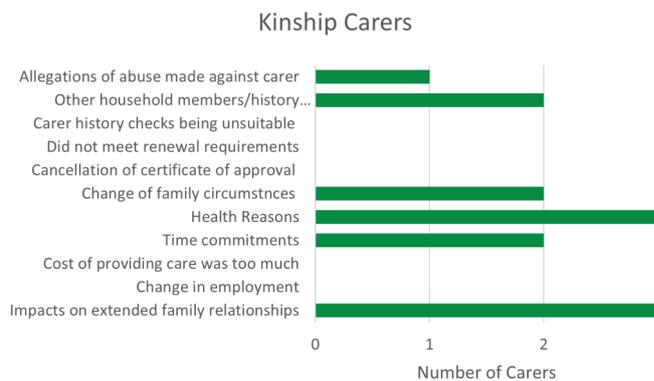
Please note only several participants, 3 foster carers & a maximum of 17 kinship carers, took part in these questions as these were relevant to their reasoning of discontinuation, and therefore, percentages mentioned include all participants to provide a more accurate value of the carer cohort.

Reasons Relating to the Child/ren in Carer’s Care



Kinship care participants informed the children in their care have self-placed elsewhere, 25%, followed by 21% stating the reason of discontinuation was related to the behaviour difficulties of the child/ren. In contrast to foster carers, 15% also informed the reason of discontinuation was due to behaviour difficulties as well, however, 8% of the foster care cohort in the Brisbane and Moreton region stated there were complexity of issues that were reasons relating to the cessation of care.

Reasons Relating to the Carer and their Family



Foster carers in the Brisbane and Moreton region did not expand on their family-related reasons, however, in terms of kinship carers, 11% of carers discontinued due to health reasons and a further 11% had impacts on their extended family. Furthermore; 7% of kinship carers stated either time commitments, change of family circumstances, other household family members having checks unsuitable and 4% having allegations of abuse made against them were reasons to their decision to discontinue care .

Carer Satisfaction

Participants were able to provide feedback on a Likert-scale, also known as a satisfaction scale, to give us an indication on their satisfaction rate in key areas of being a foster or kinship carer. These include their service satisfaction with Child Safety and the nature of their placements. Carers were provided an opportunity to read/hear statements and provided feedback from the following scale—very satisfied, satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied.

Child Safety Satisfaction

Please note an error had occurred during the development of the survey, and therefore, Child Safety satisfaction level statement 2 and 3 are duplicated. QFKC included both duplicated statements as at times the results were not the same.

Overall, 40% of foster carers and 28% of kinship carers had a **neutral** satisfaction level with Child Safety, with an additional 21% of kinship carers and 33% of foster carers having a **very dissatisfied** level with the department. Furthermore;

- Appealing a decision related to the carer by Child Safety—46% of foster carers were **neutral** & 25% of kinship carers were either **neutral** or **very dissatisfied**
- 54% of foster carers and 36% of kinship carers were **neutral** with Child Safety’s policies and procedures for dealing with a harm report or a standard of care process

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Further breakdown of results are in the tables below.

Foster Carers

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Ability to appeal a decision related to you that was made by Child Safety	15%	8%	46%	0%	31%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	15%	8%	31%	8%	38%
<u>Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety</u>	15%	8%	31%	8%	38%
Child Safety's policies and procedures for dealing with a Harm Report/SOC Process	8%	15%	54%	0%	23%
Overall Satisfaction	13%	10%	40%	4%	33%

Kinship Carers

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Ability to appeal a decision related to you that was made by Child Safety	7%	18%	25%	18%	25%	7%
Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety	7%	21%	25%	21%	18%	7%
Ability to make a complaint about a service provided by Child Safety	7%	21%	25%	18%	21%	7%
Child Safety's policies and procedures for dealing with a Harm Report/SOC Process	18%	7%	36%	11%	21%	7%
Overall Satisfaction	10%	17%	28%	17%	21%	7%

Placement Satisfaction

Carers provided insight on their overall satisfaction levels of placement decisions, ranging from the number of children in their care to the arrangement of the child having contact with their family members and professional development.

Foster Carers

33% of foster carers were **neutral** with their placement, with another 26% of carers being **satisfied** overall. From the table below;

- 62% of foster carers were **satisfied** with the number of children placed with them
- 38% were **very satisfied** with the opportunities to participate in professional development
- 38% were **dissatisfied** with their ability to have input into decisions about the child’s care

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The number of children being placed with you at any one given time being reasonable	15%	62%	8%	8%	8%
The extent to which children and young people were provided with an opportunity to participate in decisions about their care	8%	8%	69%	0%	15%
The arrangement for children to have contact with their parents and other family members	15%	15%	54%	8%	8%
Opportunity for you to participate in professional development	38%	23%	23%	8%	8%
The level of support provided to a child during the placement	23%	23%	23%	15%	15%
The manner in which the carer approval process was undertaken	15%	38%	31%	8%	8%
Your ability to have input into decisions about the child's care	8%	8%	38%	38%	8%
The level of support provided to you during the placements	15%	31%	15%	15%	23%
Overall Satisfaction	17%	26%	33%	13%	12%

Placement Satisfaction Cont.

Kinship Carers

Overall, 32% of kinship carers within the Brisbane & Moreton Region were **satisfied**, however 17% of kinship carers stated **dissatisfactory** levels. From the table below;

- 43% of carers were **satisfied** family contact arrangements for the child/ren
- 39% were **satisfied** with the ability to have input about the child’s care
- 32% were **dissatisfied** with the level support provided to the carer during their placement

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The extent to which children and young people were provided with an opportunity to participate in decisions about their care	7%	25%	36%	11%	14%	7%
The arrangement for children to have contact with their parents and other family members	14%	43%	0%	18%	18%	7%
Opportunity for you to participate in training specific to the needs of the children	14%	36%	21%	7%	14%	7%
The level of support provided to a child during the placement	7%	25%	21%	25%	14%	7%
The manner in which the carer approval process was undertaken	29%	25%	11%	7%	21%	7%
Your ability to have input into decisions about the child's care	11%	39%	11%	21%	11%	7%
The level of support provided to you during the placements	14%	29%	4%	32%	14%	7%
Overall Satisfaction	14%	32%	15%	17%	15%	7%

Communication and Support as a Carer

Communication and engagement between all stakeholders, including departments, agencies, and other support organisations, assist carers in their role in providing the best care possible for children. Carers were given an opportunity to share their feedback in the statements below. *Please note these series of questions were tailored for the foster care population and was not provided to those identifying as kinship carers.*

Engagement Level Satisfaction

Foster Carers

34% of foster carers were overall **satisfied** with their engagement with stakeholders, from the table below;

- 38% were **very dissatisfied** with their engagement with Child Safety
- 23% of carers were either **neutral** or **satisfied** with the engagement with their Foster and Kinship Care Service
- 38% were **neutral** with the engagement of QFKC Support Team
- 23% were **very satisfied** with the Community Visitor and/or Child Advocate, where another 54% were **neutral**

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The information provided to you about the child prior to placement	8%	23%	31%	15%	15%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with Child Safety	15%	8%	23%	8%	38%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with your Foster and Kinship Care Service	15%	23%	23%	15%	15%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the QFKC Support Team (FAST)	8%	23%	38%	15%	8%	8%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the Community Visitor and or Child Advocate	23%	8%	54%	0%	8%	8%
Overall Satisfaction	14%	17%	34%	11%	17%	8%

Kinship Carers

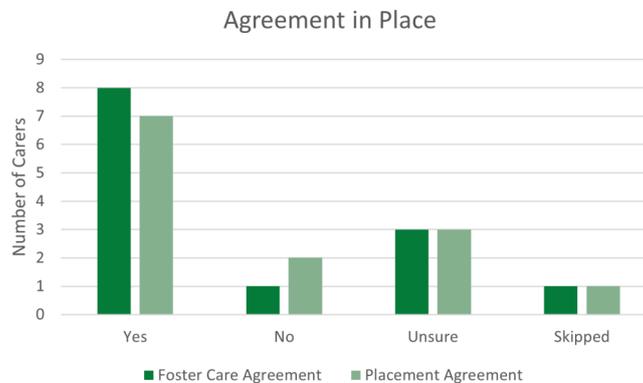
Overall 57% of kinship carers were either **satisfied or neutral** with the engagement level and information provided to them about the child. From the table below;

- 29% were **satisfied** with the engagement of Child Safety, where another 21% were **dissatisfied**
- 29% were either **very satisfied** or **satisfied** with the engagement of the Foster and Kinship Care Service
- 43% were **satisfied** with the engagement of the Community Visitor and/or Child Advocate

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
The information provided to you about the child prior to placement	7%	18%	39%	14%	11%	11%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with Child Safety	4%	29%	25%	21%	14%	7%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with your Foster and Kinship Care Service	29%	29%	25%	7%	4%	7%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the QFKC Support Team (FAST)	14%	21%	39%	14%	4%	7%
The level of engagement and response you've experienced with the Community Visitor and or Child Advocate	18%	43%	18%	11%	4%	7%
Overall Satisfaction	14%	28%	29%	14%	7%	8%

Foster Care Agreement & Placement Agreement

A Foster Care Agreement is a written agreement between the foster carer, Child Safety and Foster and Kinship Care Service, in which **62% of carers had a foster care agreement in place**. A Placement Agreement is a written documents that provides information about the child/ren created between Child Safety and the carer to jointly plan for meeting the needs of the child/ren. **54% of foster carers in Brisbane and Moreton region had a Placement Agreement in place.**



Placement Agreement Satisfaction

Foster carers were given the opportunity to provide their satisfaction level on the Placement Agreement, 23% of foster carers were **satisfied** with how the Placement Agreement covered support. 46% of foster carers were either **neutral** or **satisfied** with how the meetings regarding the Placement Agreement were a forum to work as part of a care team.

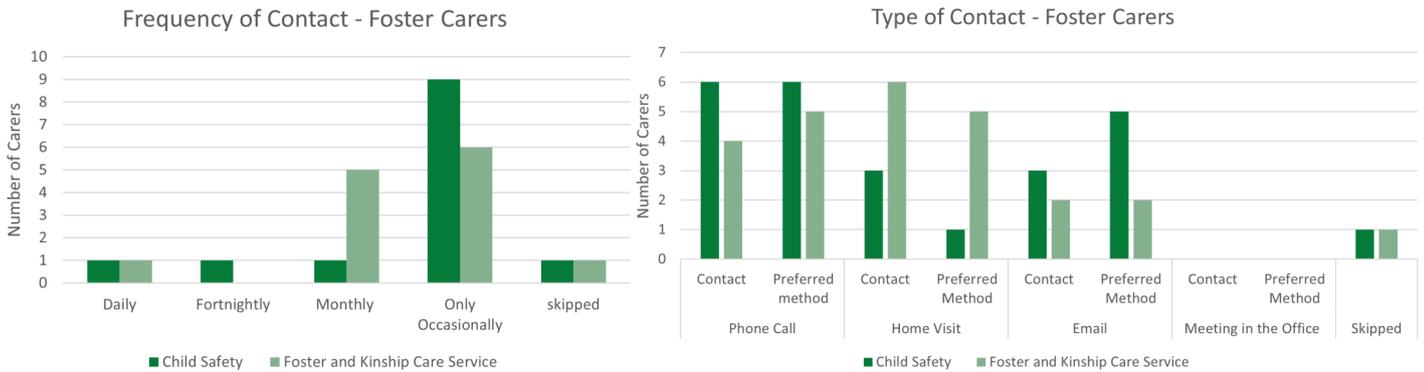
Please note the percentage sum for statement 2 does not equate to 100% (108%) as this includes a participant selecting more than 1 answer.

Statements	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	skipped
Satisfaction level of the Placement Agreement covered the supports required	15%	23%	15%	8%	0%	38%
Satisfaction level of the Placement Agreement meetings provided a forum to work as part of a care team	15%	23%	23%	8%	0%	38%

Contact with Agency & Child Safety

Carers were given an opportunity to provide an overview of the regularity of contact between themselves with Child Safety and their agency.

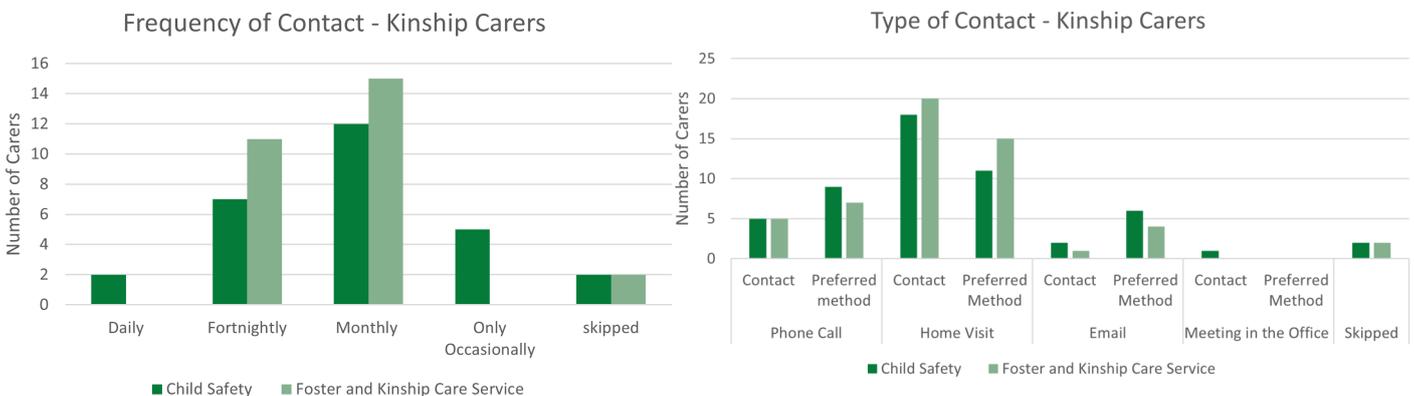
Foster Carers



Brisbane and Moreton foster carers received contact from either Child Safety or their Foster and Kinship Care Service **occasionally**— 69% of Child Safety and 46% Foster and Kinship Care Service. However, 38% of foster carers stated they had **monthly** contact with their Foster and Kinship Care Service. Furthermore, from the data in the graphs above;

- 46% of foster participants had contact occur via **phone** with Child Safety and 31% occurred with their Foster and Kinship Care Service,
- 46% had contact occur through a form of a **home visit** from their Foster and Kinship Care Service,
- 23% either had a **home visit** or an **email** from Child Safety,
- 46% would prefer Child Safety schedule a **phone call** as their form of contact,
- 38% would prefer their Foster and Kinship Care Service arrange either a **home visit** or a **phone call** as their form of contact,

Kinship Carers



Kinship carers of the Brisbane and Moreton region received contact from Child Safety and their Foster and Kinship Care Service on a **monthly** basis—43% for Child Safety and 54% for Foster and Kinship Care Service. Though 39% of kinship carers stated they have contact with Foster and Kinship Care Service on a **fortnightly** basis, whereas 25% of kinship carers had this regularity of contact with Child Safety. Data insights from the kinship care participants show;

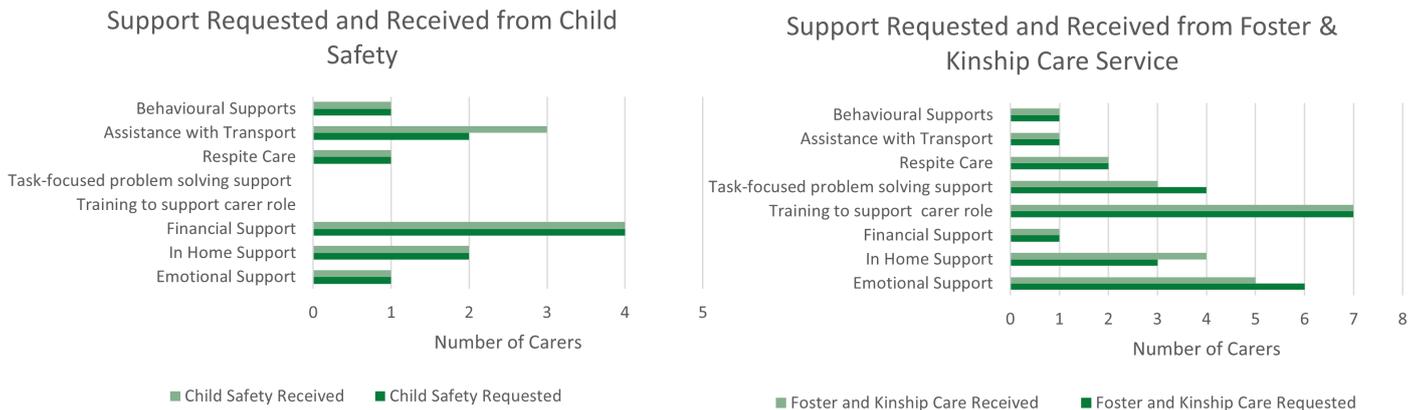
- 64% of kinship carers had contact occur via a **home visit** with Child Safety, which 71% stated this contact occurred with their Foster and Kinship Care Service.
- 54% of kinship carers preferred contact to occur through a **home visit** with their Foster and Kinship Care Agency, 39% with Child Safety,
- 32% preferred a **phone call** from Child Safety, and 25% preferred this with their Foster and Kinship Care Service.

Support Received and Requested

Participants reflected on the support services they requested during their time as a carer, and inform whether these requests were fulfilled. The form of support could be in the form of either professional, financial and/or emotional support.

Carers were to indicate which stakeholder assisted them with their requested support if they requested such support. Please note, some carers have ticked more than one option. Therefore, the total amount of responses is reflected to the number of answers provides rather than the number of carers. *Please note: 1 participant from the foster care cohort and 4 kinship carers skipped this question.*

Foster Carers

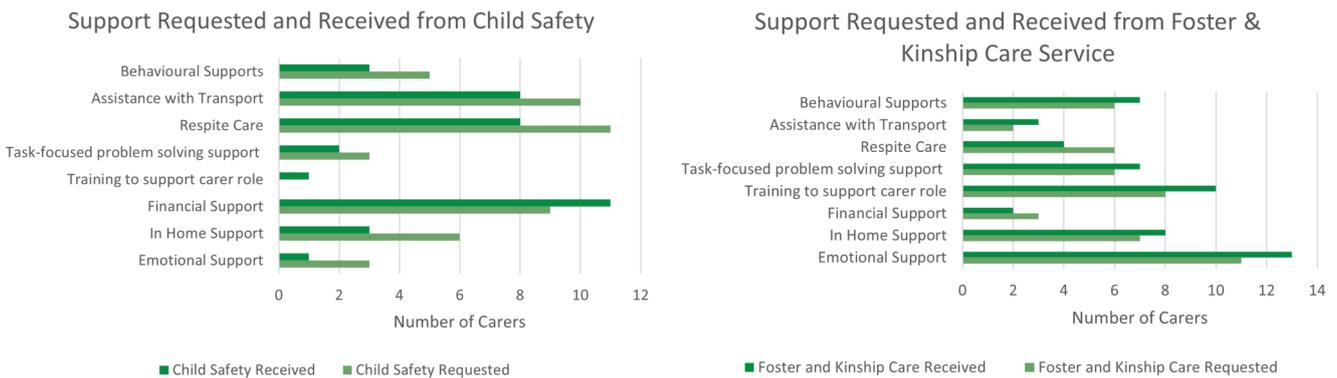


From the graphs above, foster carers in Brisbane and Moreton indicated 100% of support requested from Child Safety were received, with the exception of the assistance with transportation (2 requests, 3 received this support) as per the *Support Requested and Received from Child Safety* graph above. Furthermore, in terms of support requested and received from their Foster and Kinship Care Service;

- 75% of task focused problem solving was fulfilled,
- 83% received the requested emotional support,
- 133% received in home support (3 requested, 4 received).

Further information can be interpreted from the two graphs above for foster carers in the Brisbane and Moreton region.

Kinship Carers



Kinship carers stated all financial support requests to Child Safety were received, however, 50% of In-Home support was fulfilled (6 requested, 3 received) and 80% transport assistance (10 requested, 8 received) were granted to the kinship carers. Requesting support from their Foster and Kinship Care Service indicated participants received more support despite some not requesting such. These include emotional support (11 requests, 13 received), assistance with transportation (2 requested, 3 received), training to support their role (8 requested, 10 received) and behavioural supports (6 requested, 7 received).

Respite care requested from both Child Safety and their Foster and Kinship Care Service were partially received, to which 73% received their request with Child Safety and 67% from their Foster and Kinship Care Service.

Carer Allowance

Foster and kinship carers are provided a fortnightly caring allowance for each child in their care to assist with basic costs of caring for a child. Carers provided a satisfaction rate on statements related to the caring allowance, the amount provided to meet the cost of the child, and reimbursements on out-of-pocket expenses.

Foster Carers

19% of foster carers were either **satisfied** or **neutral** with the carer allowance. From the table below;

- 23% of carers were either **very satisfied, neutral** or **very dissatisfied** with how reimbursements were if any out of pocket expenses occurred,
- 23% were **very dissatisfied** with the range of allowance provided to meet the cost of caring and,
- 46% were either **satisfied** or **neutral** with how quickly to allowances were paid

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	skipped
How quickly you were reimbursed when out of pocket expenses were incurred	23%	15%	23%	8%	23%	8%
The range of allowances provided by Child Safety to help meet the costs of caring for the child	15%	15%	15%	15%	23%	15%
How quickly allowances were paid	15%	23%	23%	15%	8%	15%
The allowances payment rates	15%	23%	15%	8%	15%	23%
Overall Satisfaction	17%	19%	19%	12%	17%	15%

Kinship Carers

34% of kinship carers were **satisfied** overall with the carer allowance. From the table below;

- 32% were **satisfied** with how quickly reimbursements were,
- 32% were **satisfied** with the range of allowance provided to meet the cost of caring, where as 14% were **dissatisfied** and,
- 43% were **satisfied** with how quickly the allowances were paid

Statements	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
How quickly you were reimbursed when out of pocket expenses were incurred	11%	32%	25%	4%	11%	18%
The range of allowances provided by Child Safety to help meet the costs of caring for the child	14%	32%	14%	11%	14%	14%
How quickly allowances were paid	14%	43%	21%	0%	7%	14%
The allowances payment rates	11%	29%	21%	11%	11%	18%
Overall Satisfaction	13%	34%	21%	6%	11%	16%

Training and Development

Carers across Queensland underwent an assessment process before a recommendation of approval is granted before commencing their role. During and after the assessment process, carers are required to complete training to develop their understanding of the child safety system, child development and trauma-informed training. Queensland carers are also provided information on the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved (Child Safety and their agency), as well as their policies and procedures.

Participants of the survey provided feedback on the delivery of information by providing a satisfaction rate around training and information. Kinship carers had a separate set of statements as this was tailored to the kinship care process.

Both foster and kinship carers were **satisfied**, 39% for foster and 35% for kinship carers respectively, with the training and development before and during their role as a carer. Insights from the survey results show the following;

- 31% of foster carers were **dissatisfied** with information provided about Child Safety’s policies, legislation and procedures, in which 43% of kinship carers were **satisfied**,
- 23% of foster carers were either **very satisfied** or **dissatisfied** with information provided by Child Safety’s role and responsibilities, 39% of kinship carers were **satisfied**,
- ‘Get Ready to Start’ training 31% of foster carers were **very satisfied** with another 46% being **satisfied**

A further break down on other statements and results is provided in the next page.

Foster Carers

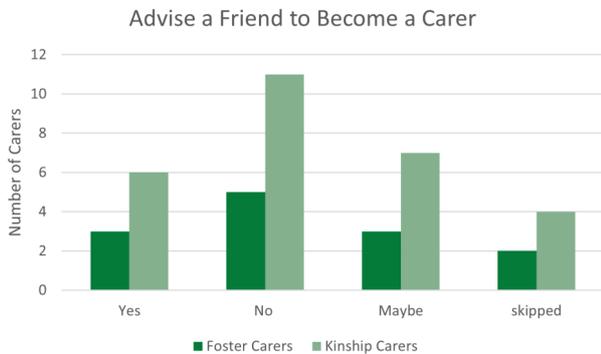
Training & Development	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Pre-service training- Get Ready	31%	46%	8%	8%	0%	8%
Standard training - Starting Out	23%	54%	0%	8%	0%	15%
Advanced training - Continuous learning opportunities	23%	54%	8%	0%	0%	15%
Information provided on Child Safety's Policies, Legislation and Procedures	15%	31%	8%	31%	0%	15%
Information provided to assist you with the foster care role	15%	54%	8%	8%	0%	15%
Information provided about your role and responsibilities	23%	46%	8%	8%	0%	15%
Information provided about Child Safety's role and responsibilities	23%	31%	8%	23%	0%	15%
Information provided about your Foster and Kinship Care Service's role and responsibilities	15%	46%	15%	8%	0%	15%
Information provided about other agencies role and responsibilities	15%	38%	23%	8%	0%	15%
Information about positive behaviour support strategies and acceptable discipline practices	31%	31%	8%	15%	0%	15%
Your ability to access additional training specific to the child's needs if requested	23%	31%	0%	23%	8%	15%
Hope and Healing - trauma informed approaches	8%	8%	31%	15%	15%	23%
Overall Satisfaction	21%	39%	10%	13%	2%	15%

Kinship Carers

Training & Development	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Skipped
Information provided on Child Safety's Policies, Legislation and Procedures	11%	43%	21%	4%	7%	14%
Information provided to assist you with the kinship care role	7%	46%	18%	7%	7%	14%
Information provided about your role and responsibilities	4%	29%	36%	11%	7%	14%
Information provided about Child Safety's role and responsibilities	7%	39%	25%	11%	4%	14%
Information provided about your Foster and Kinship Care Service's role and responsibilities	18%	39%	18%	7%	0%	18%
Information provided about other agencies role and responsibilities	11%	29%	39%	4%	4%	14%
Information about positive behaviour support strategies and acceptable discipline practices	7%	36%	32%	4%	7%	14%
Your ability to access additional training specific to the child's needs if requested	11%	36%	25%	7%	7%	14%
Hope and Healing - trauma informed approaches	4%	21%	39%	14%	7%	14%
Overall Satisfaction	9%	35%	28%	8%	6%	15%

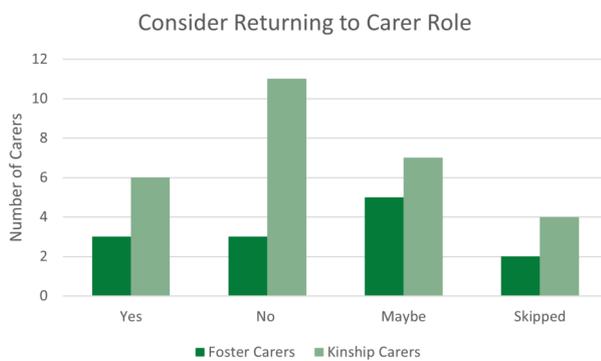
Overall Experience

Understanding a carer’s overview on how their experiences provides an insight of the overall experience on their carer journey and whether they would recommend this voluntary role with other friends and family and return to this role at a later stage in their life.



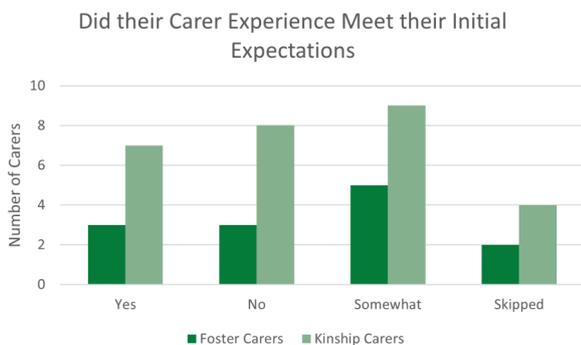
Brisbane and Moreton participants showed a similar trend between foster and kinship carers—foster and kinship carers indicated they **would not advise** a friend to become a carer, 38% of foster carers and 39% kinship carers respectively.

21% of kinship carers and 23% of foster carers stated they **would advise** a friend in this volunteer role, where as 23% and 25% (kinship carer and foster carers) mentioned they **maybe advise** a friend on this role.



39% of kinship carers within the Brisbane and Moreton Region informed they **would not** consider returning to their role, where as 38% of foster carers indicated they **may consider** returning to their carer role later in life.

23% of foster carers revealed they **would return** this role later in life, to which only 21% of kinship carers specified the same intention.



In terms of their carer experience meeting their initial expectations of either foster or kinship care—38% of foster carer participants stated their experience was **somewhat** similar to their initial expectations. With the kinship care participants, this rate was around 32%.